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Scope
Scientific and medical aspects of reproductive physiology and pathology, endocrinology, andrology, gonad function, gametogenesis, fertilization, embryo development, implantation, pregnancy, fetal development, genetics, genetic diagnosis, oncology, infectious disease, surgery, contraception, infertility, epidemiology, population dynamics, ethics and social issues. High quality research on animal reproduction in encouraged when it helps to clarify the human situation. The high scientific and editorial standard is maintained throughout the journal along with timed (quarterly) publication.

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Indian Society for the Study of Reproduction and Fertility (ISSRF)
The comprehensive approach to reproductive health demands increased awareness on methods of family planning, maternal health, neonatal morbidity and a growing burden of reproductive ill health resulting from reproductive tract infections, concerns of reproductive organs, sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS, infertility and the adverse effect on gender based violence. In order to provide a common Scientific Platform for all these specialties and for the common cause of promoting Reproductive Health Research, The Indian Society for the Study of Reproduction and Fertility (ISSRF) was formed and registered in 1988. Over the years, the mandate of the Society has broadened and includes various multidisciplinary components of reproductive health.

Objectives
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2. To facilitate exchange of knowledge and ideas in the area of reproduction through Seminars, Workshops, Conferences and Meetings held from time to time.
3. To promote the growth of the discipline of Reproductive Biology and Reproductive Medical Care.

**Activities**

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