ONOS and Other APC Support Initiatives for IIT Delhi Students and Faculty

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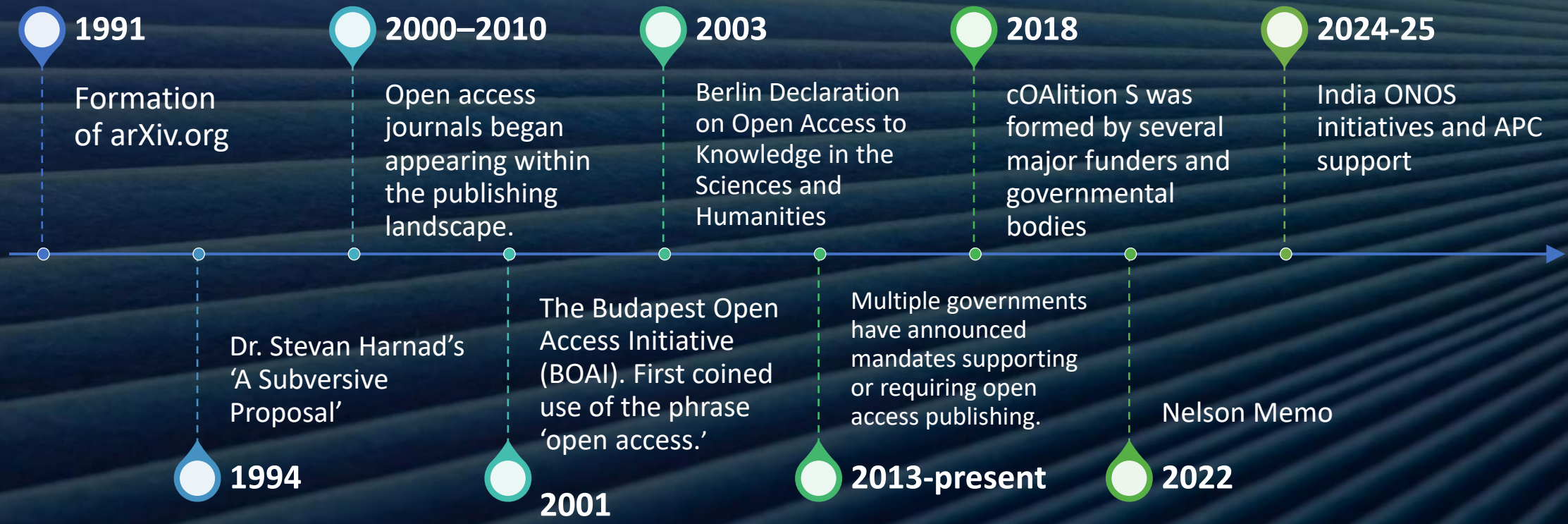
Introduction

- 13,872,066 (approx. 1.4 billion) articles are indexed in DOAJ as on October 2026.
- Between 2016 and 2025, the percentage share of gold OA publications has increased from 17% to 44%, while subscription-only fell from 66% to 50%.
- In 2025, almost 2 million articles, reviews, and conference papers were published, comprising approx. 44% OA, mostly Gold OA
- OA sale has reached $2.1 billion in 2024 and are expected to grow to $3.2 billion by 2028.
- Big publishers are opening more avenues for OA publishing.
- Publishers like MDPI, Frontiers and Hindawi together accounted for over 30% of OA market volume.

Open Access

- Open Access (OA) means **free access to information** and **unrestricted use of electronic resources** for everyone.
- A publication is considered Open Access if:
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A brief History of OA



Why Open Access (OA)

- **Without dissemination, knowledge remains invisible**
- Equitable sharing of knowledge
- **Publishing in Open Access**:
  - avoids duplication of research effort and the resulting financial and time waste
  - enhances the transparency of scientific research funding
  - increases the accountability of public institutions
  - helps people to better appreciate scientists and their work
  - closes gaps in access to knowledge
- 3.2x downloads, 1.5x citations and 2.7x Altmetric score
- Speed, visibility and Prestige factor

OA Publication Types

- Diamond: Open access at no cost to authors
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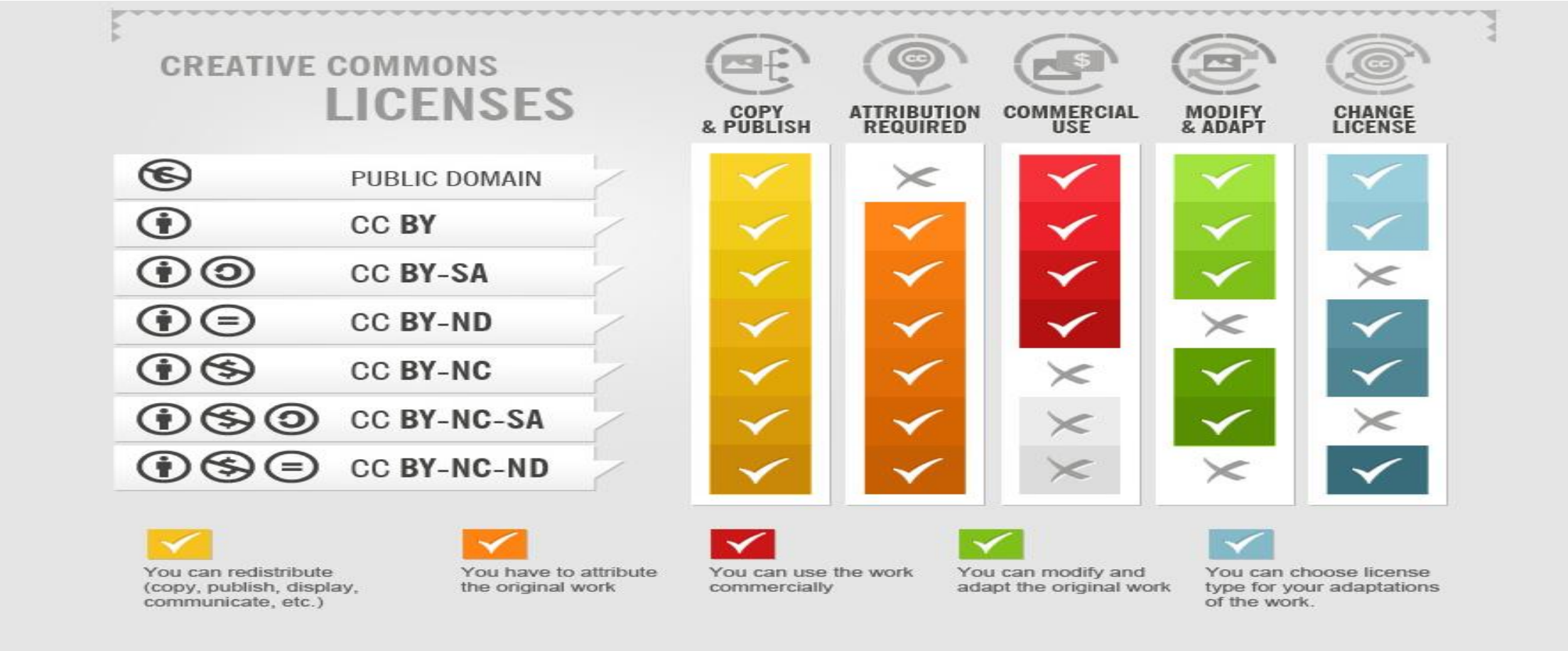
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- Started on 1st January 2025.
- 10 major library consortia before ONOS
- 32 Publishers on board
- 6500+ Government-funded Institutes
- 13000+ Full-text Journals
- 27 broad subject categories
- Nodal Agency: INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar

APC Support Under ONOS

- Article Publishing Charges /Article Processing Charges (APC) is one of the components of the ONOS scheme
- Top-quality Gold open access journals are selected based on criteria defined by the Core Committee
- The current criteria include Gold and Diamond Open Access journals listed in the top 10% of journals as per any of the 3 indicators (CiteScore, SNIP and SJR) from the publishers providing access to their published journals under ONOS
- Total covered journals at present = 945 (919 Gold; 26 Diamond)

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- CiteScore: A metric developed by Elsevier that measures the average citation impact of peer-reviewed serial titles (such as journals, book series, and conference proceedings) indexed in the Scopus database
- SNIP: A journal-level metric available inside the Scopus database that measures contextual citation impact
- SJR: SJR ranks scientific journals and countries based on citation data from the Scopus database

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- **Registration**
  - Visit the ONOS website (https://onos.gov.in/) and click on APC (Article Processing Charges) webpage.



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- Click on Apply for APC Support

APC Support

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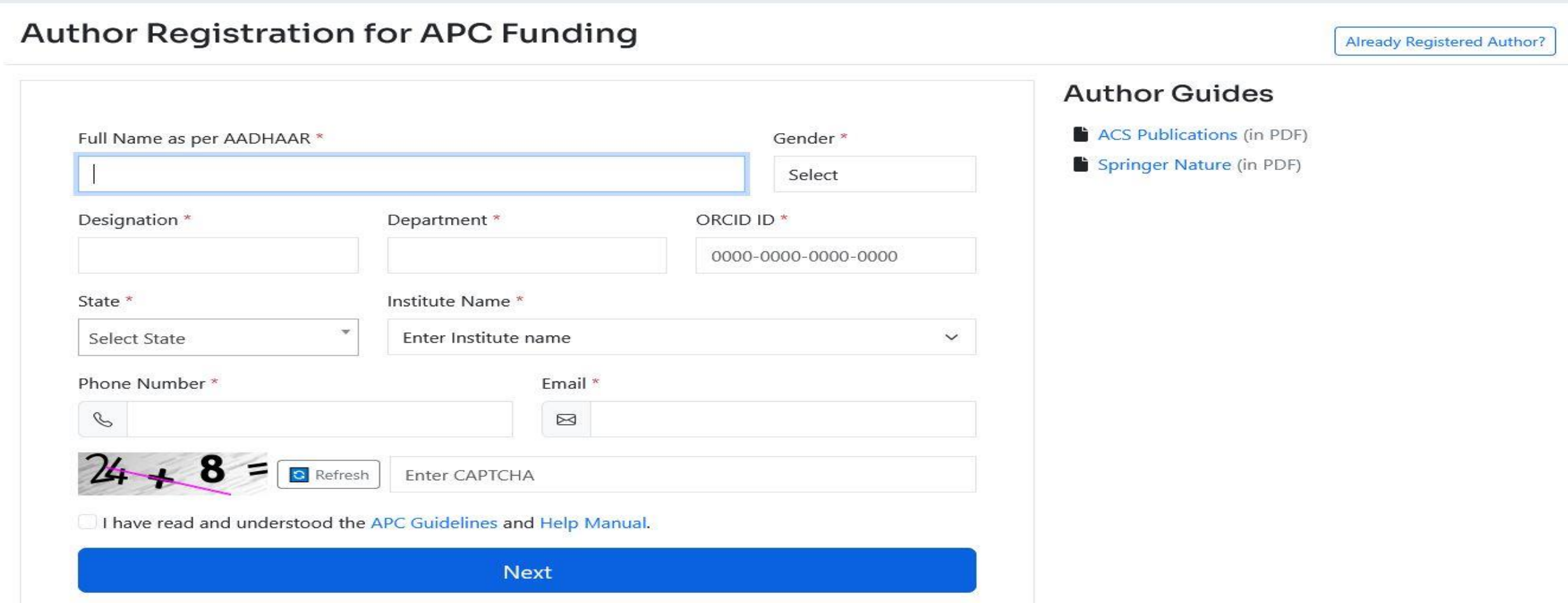
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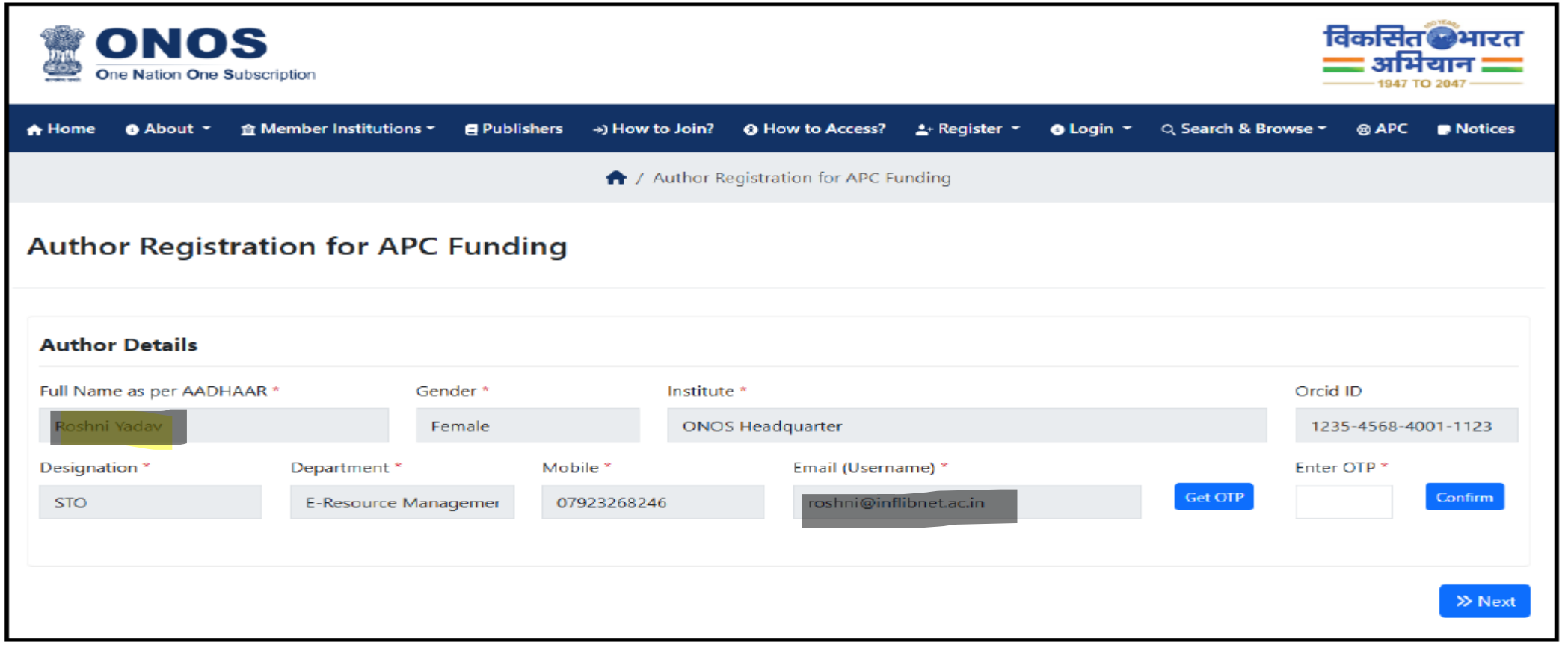
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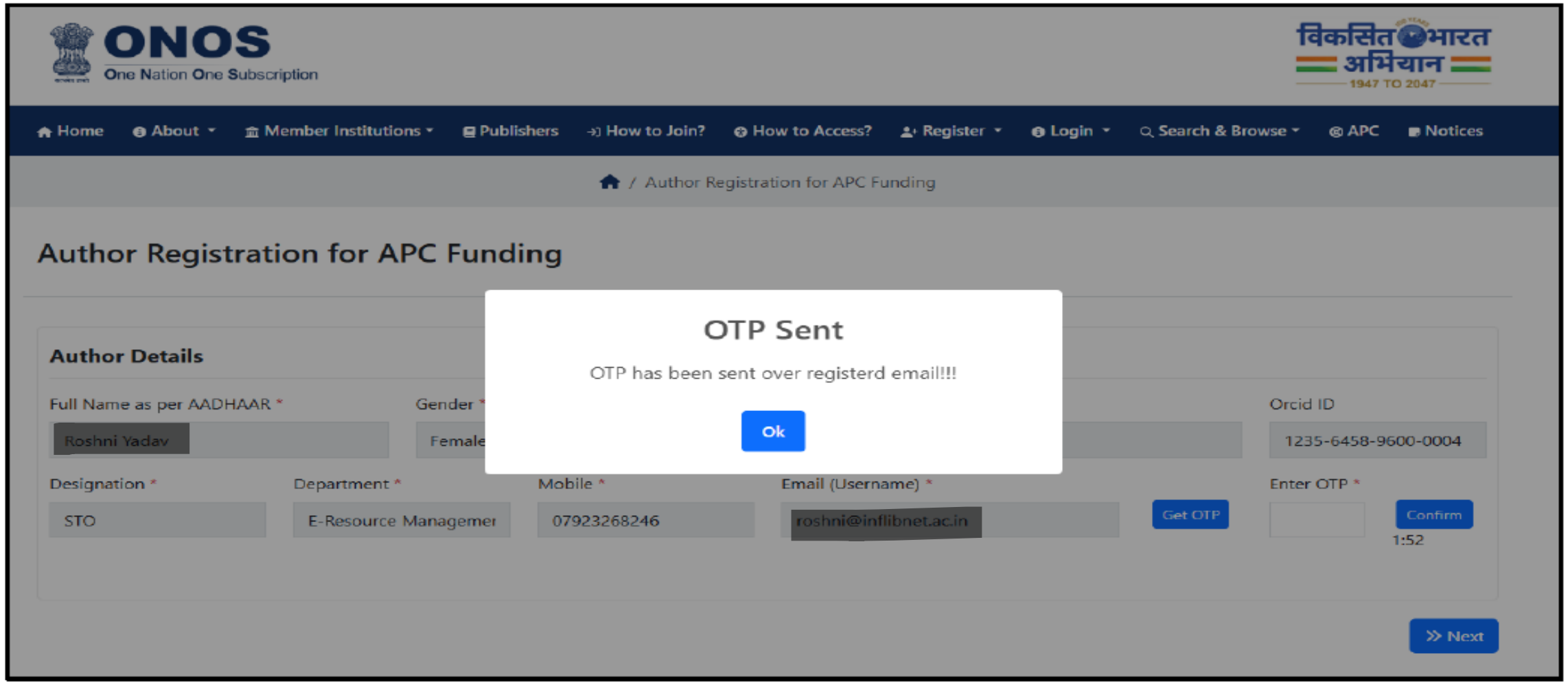
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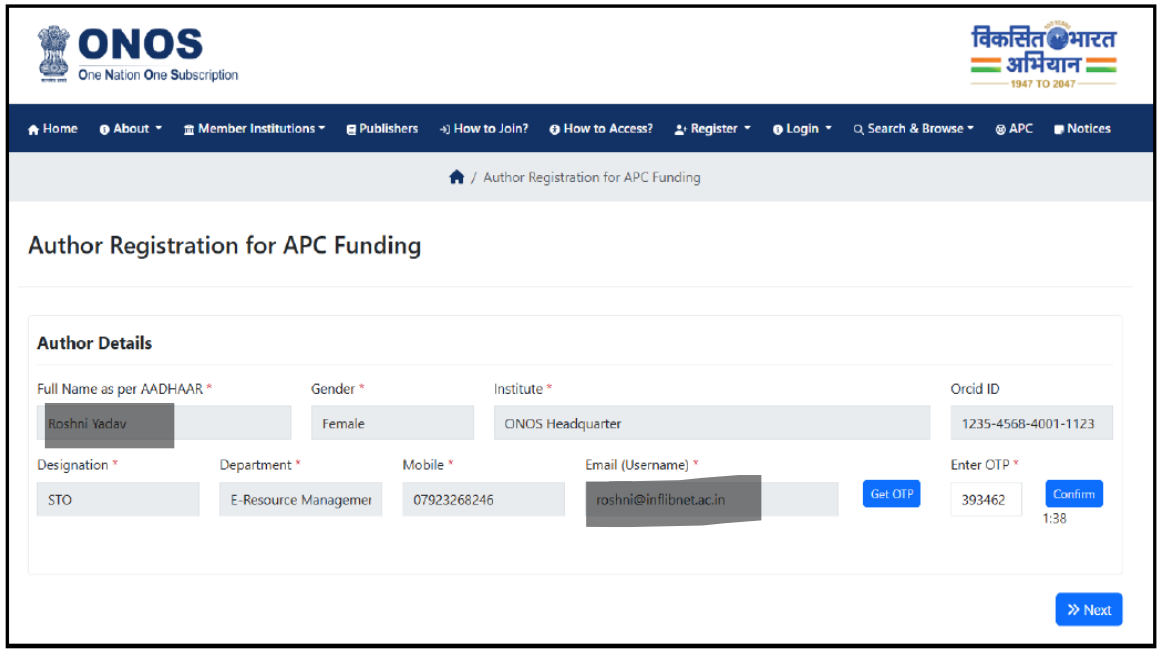
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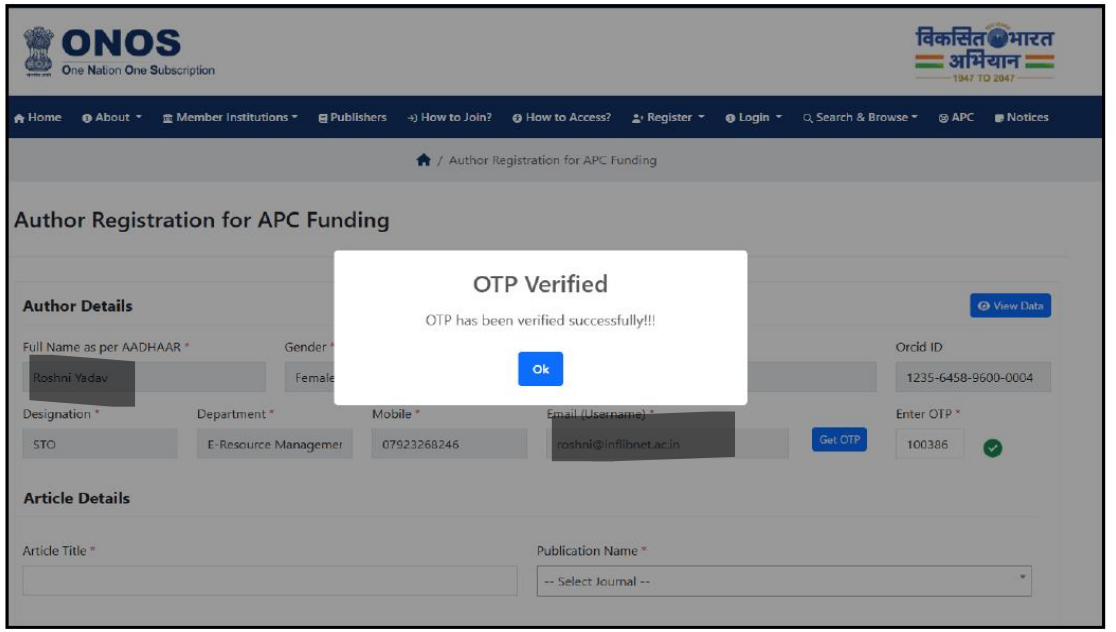
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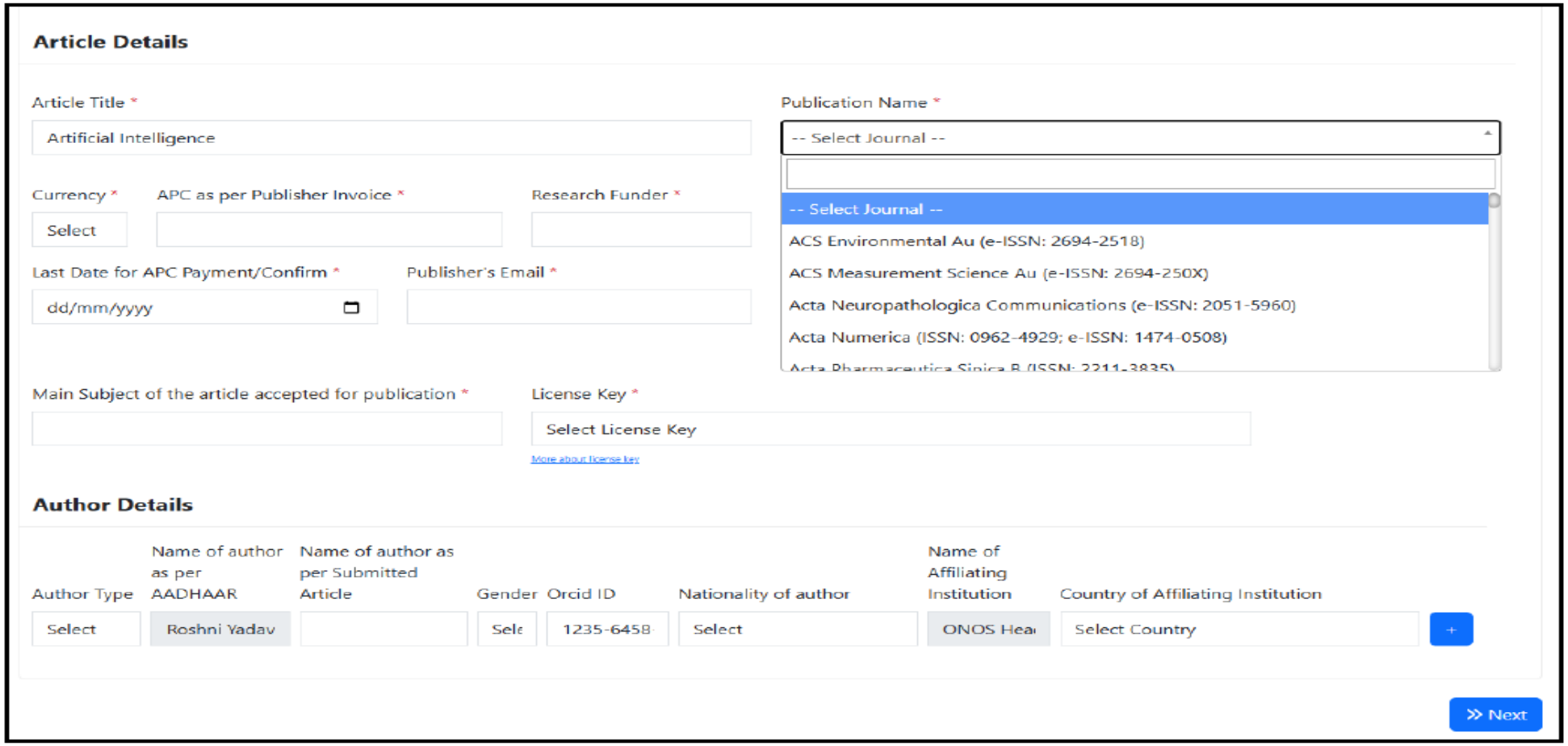




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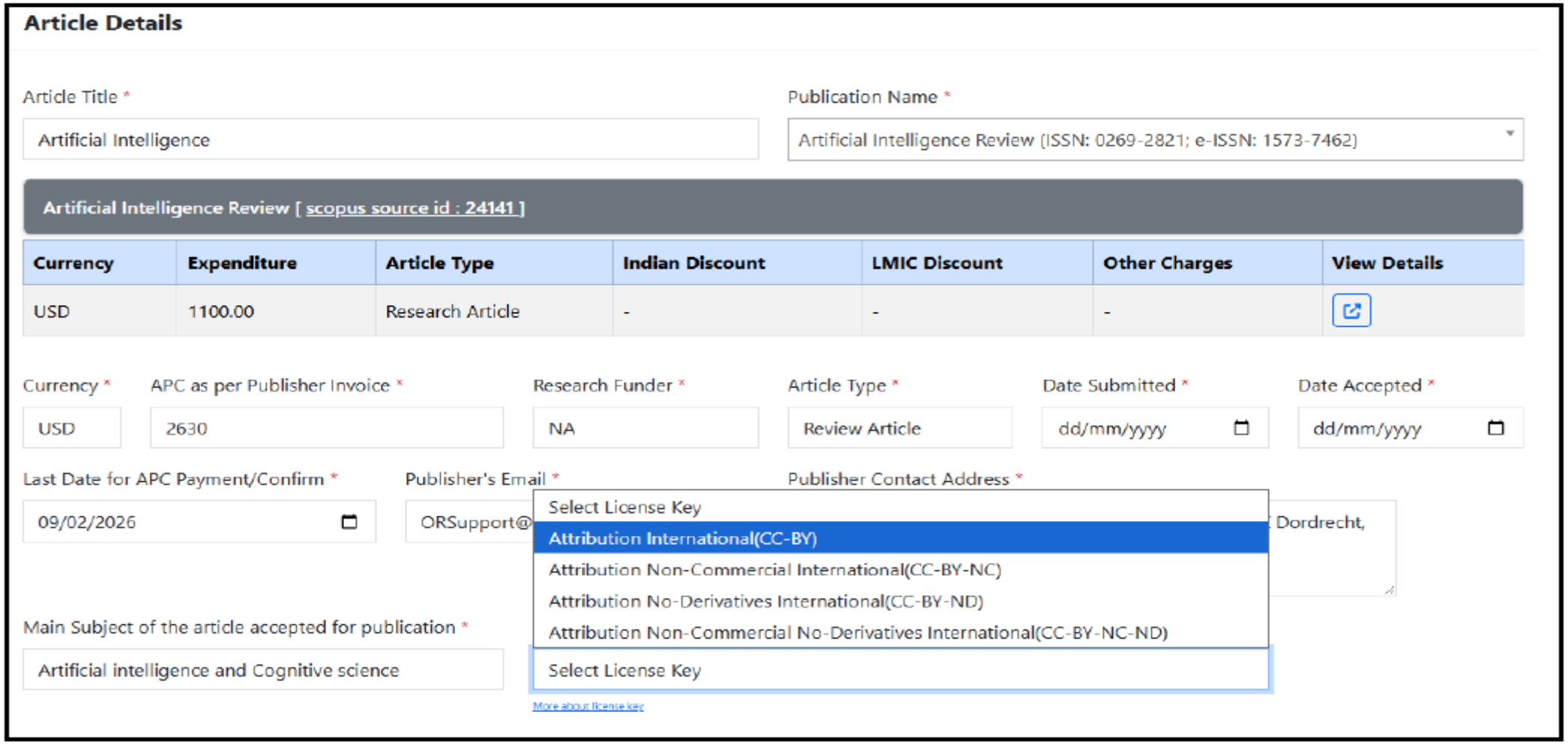
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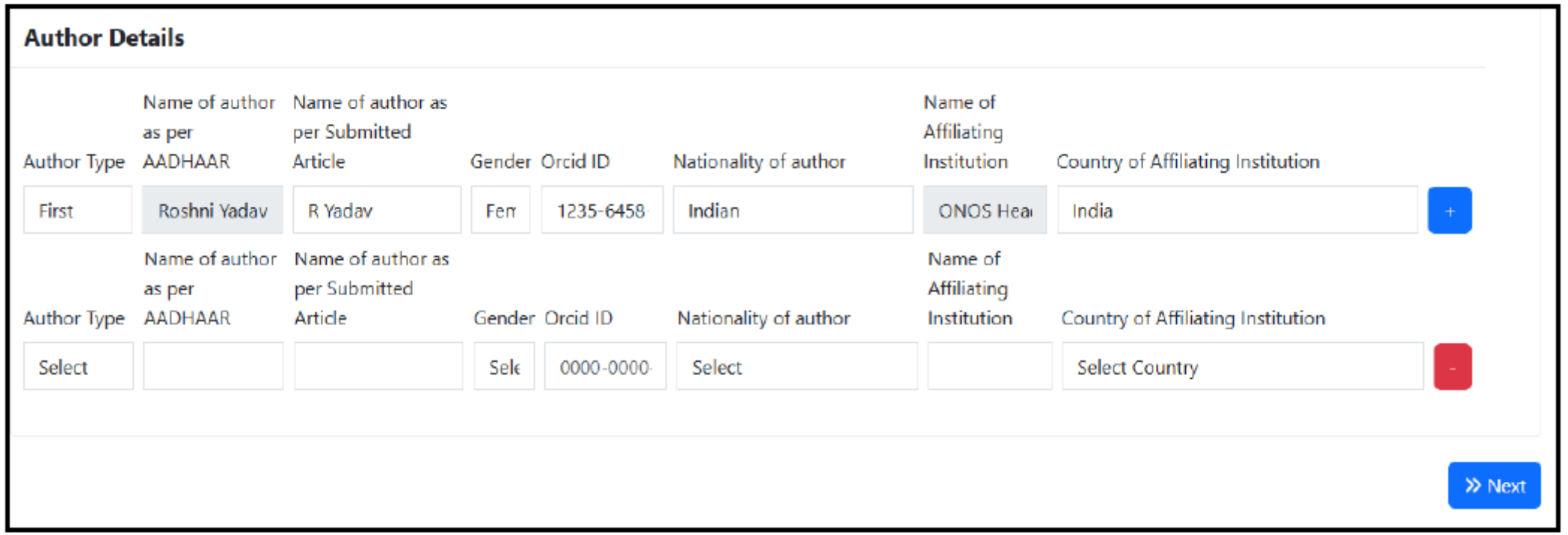
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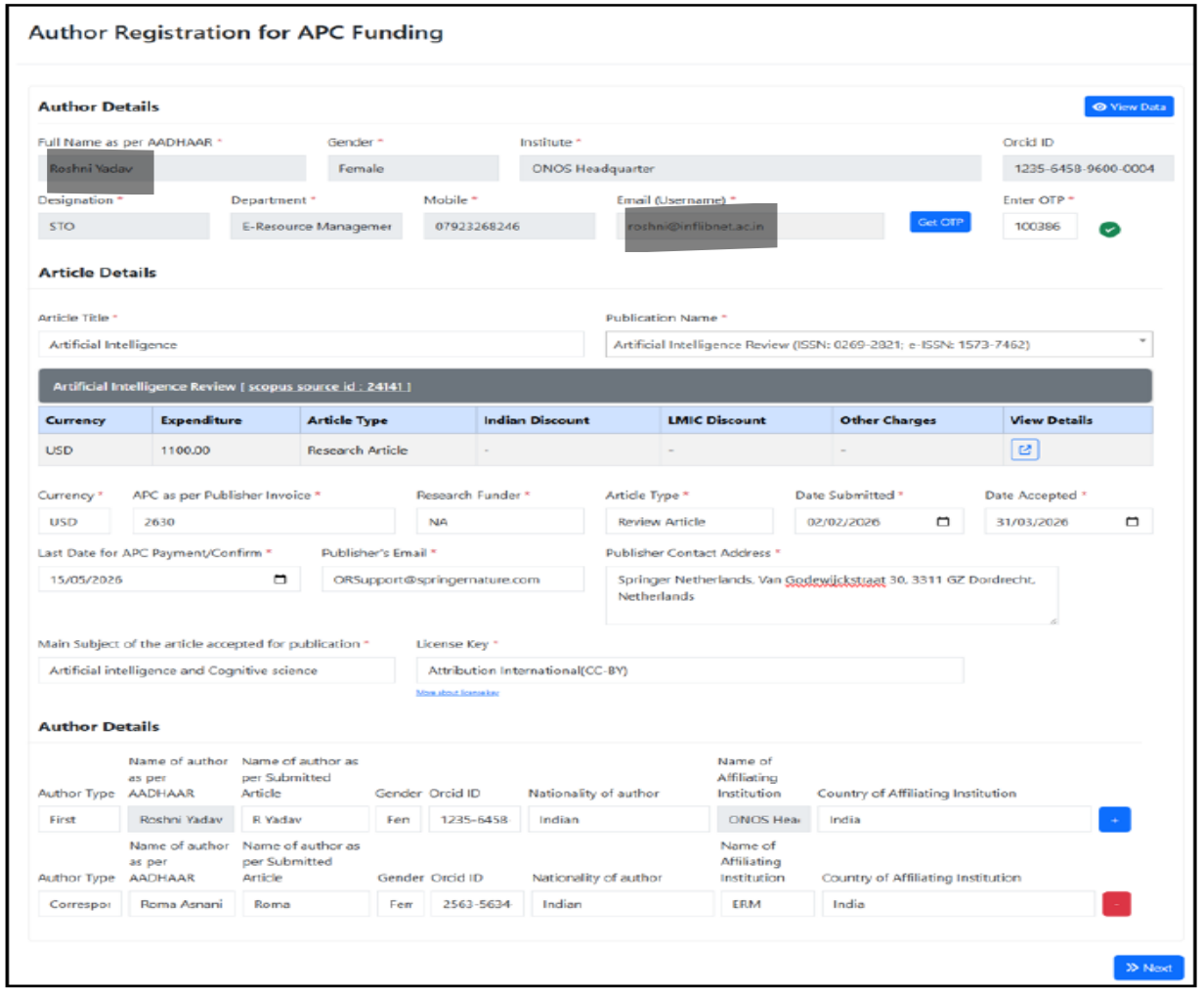
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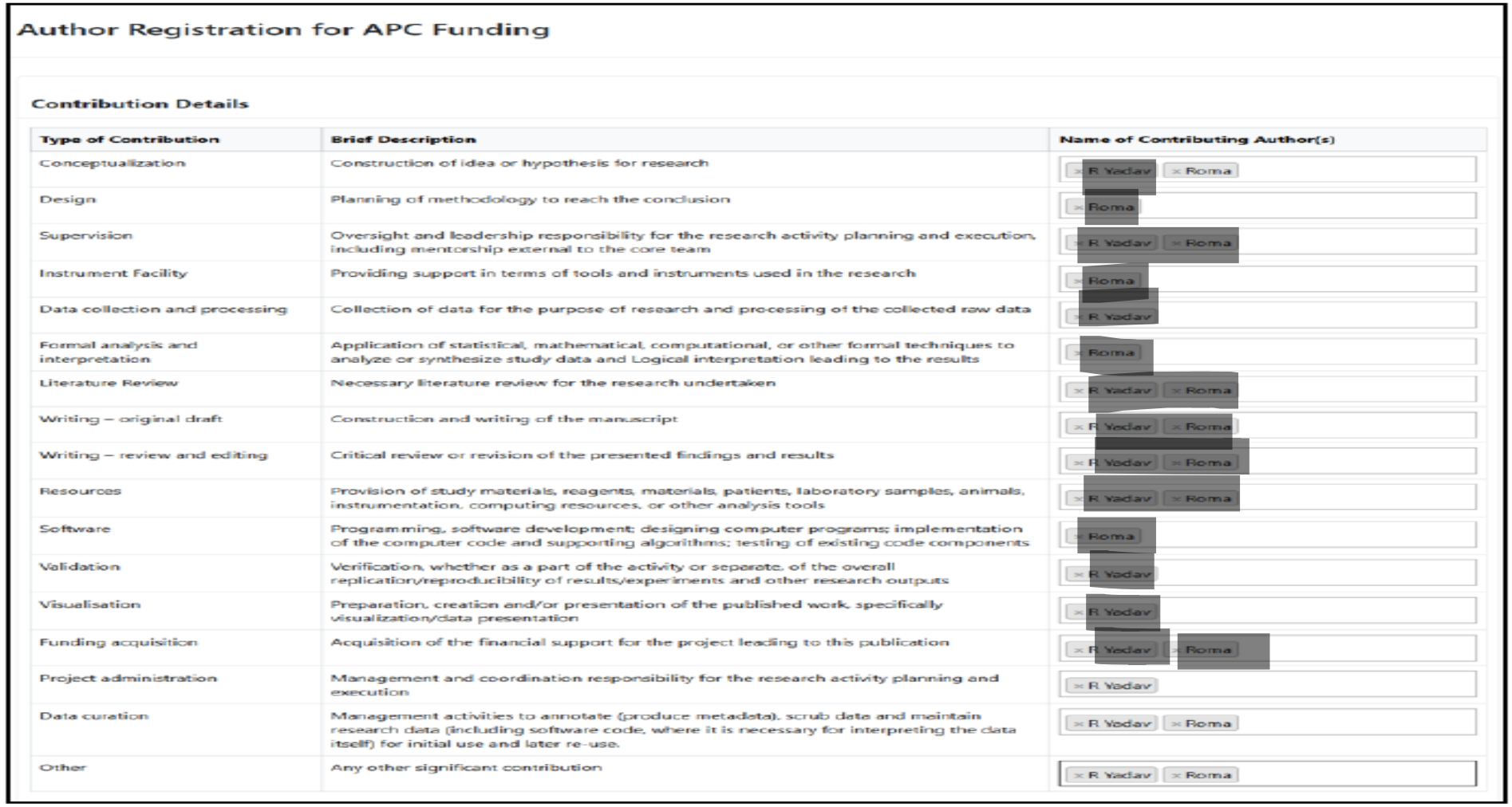
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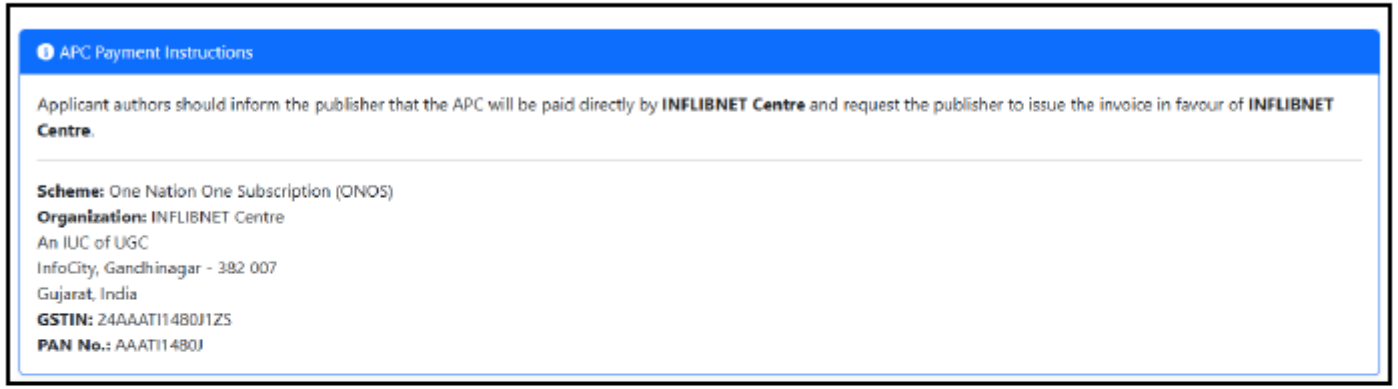
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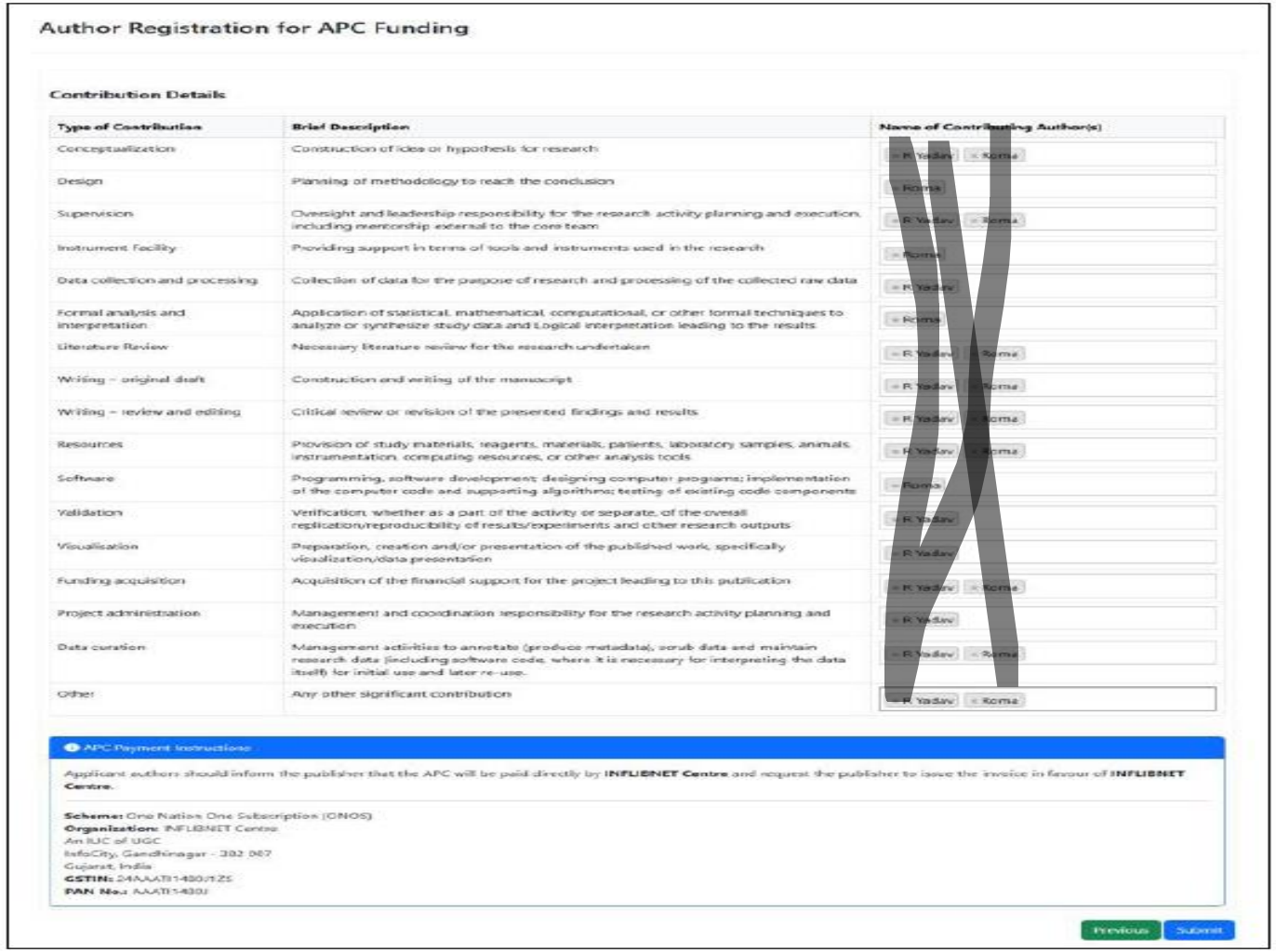
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Literature Review	Necessary literature review for the research undertaken	
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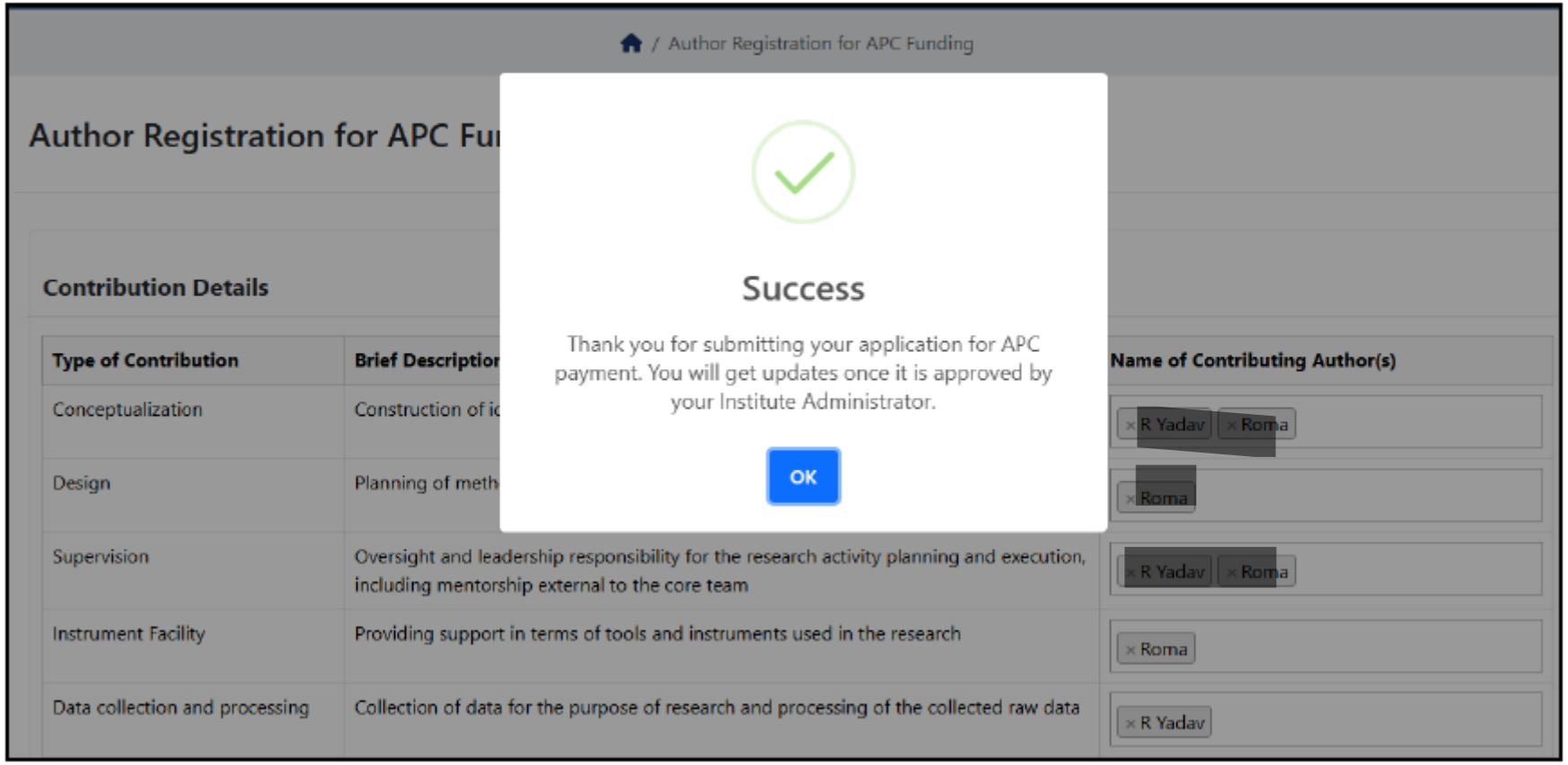
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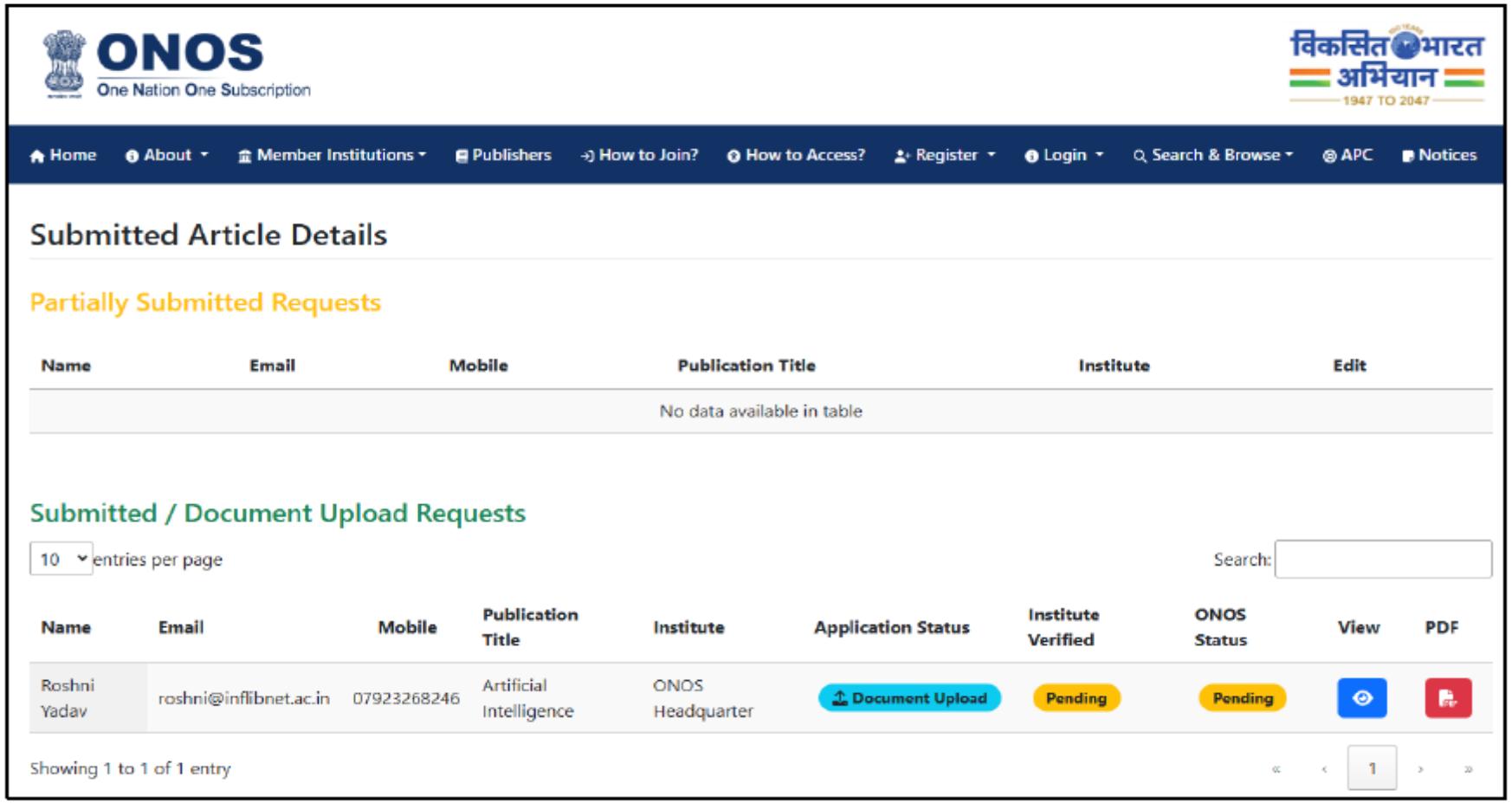
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b) APC is paid by any other national (government or private) or international/multilateral Institution/agency/government or this APC is shown as a component in any project.

Signature of the applicant:

Applicant's Name: Roshni Yadav

Signature of the co-authors:

Endorsement from Head of Institution:

a) I certify that the applicant author is a Bonafide full-time employee of this Institute / regular student of the Institute / researcher affiliated with the Institute (strike off whichever is not applicable).

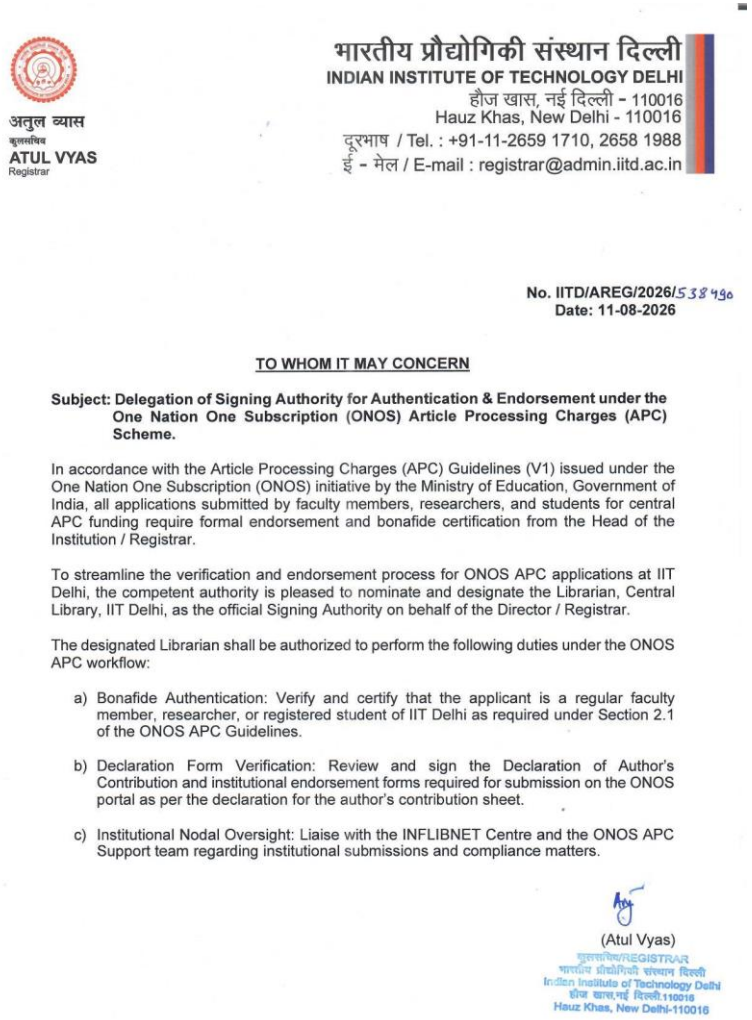
b) In case the applicant has to return the APC charge paid by ONOS and she/he is not paying it within a time specified by the ONOS, the Institute will recover the same from her/him and pay the same to ONOS.

Signature from Head of Institution with Office seal/stamp

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- Signature of the Endorsement Authority: Librarian is the authorised endorsing authority at IIT Delhi



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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Subject: Delegation of Signing Authority for Authentication & Endorsement under the One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) Article Processing Charges (APC) Scheme.

In accordance with the Article Processing Charges (APC) Guidelines (V1) issued under the One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) initiative by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, all applications submitted by faculty members, researchers, and students for central APC funding require formal endorsement and bonafide certification from the Head of the Institution / Registrar.

To streamline the verification and endorsement process for ONOS APC applications at IIT Delhi, the competent authority is pleased to nominate and designate the Librarian, Central Library, IIT Delhi, as the official Signing Authority on behalf of the Director / Registrar.

The designated Librarian shall be authorized to perform the following duties under the ONOS APC workflow:

a) Bonafide Authentication: Verify and certify that the applicant is a regular faculty member, researcher, or registered student of IIT Delhi as required under Section 2.1 of the ONOS APC Guidelines.

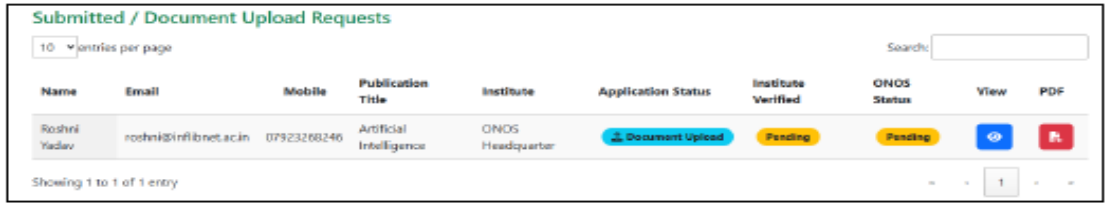
b) Declaration Form Verification: Review and sign the Declaration of Author's Contribution and institutional endorsement forms required for submission on the ONOS portal as per the declaration for the author's contribution sheet.

c) Institutional Nodal Oversight: Liaise with the INFLIBNET Centre and the ONOS APC Support team regarding institutional submissions and compliance matters.

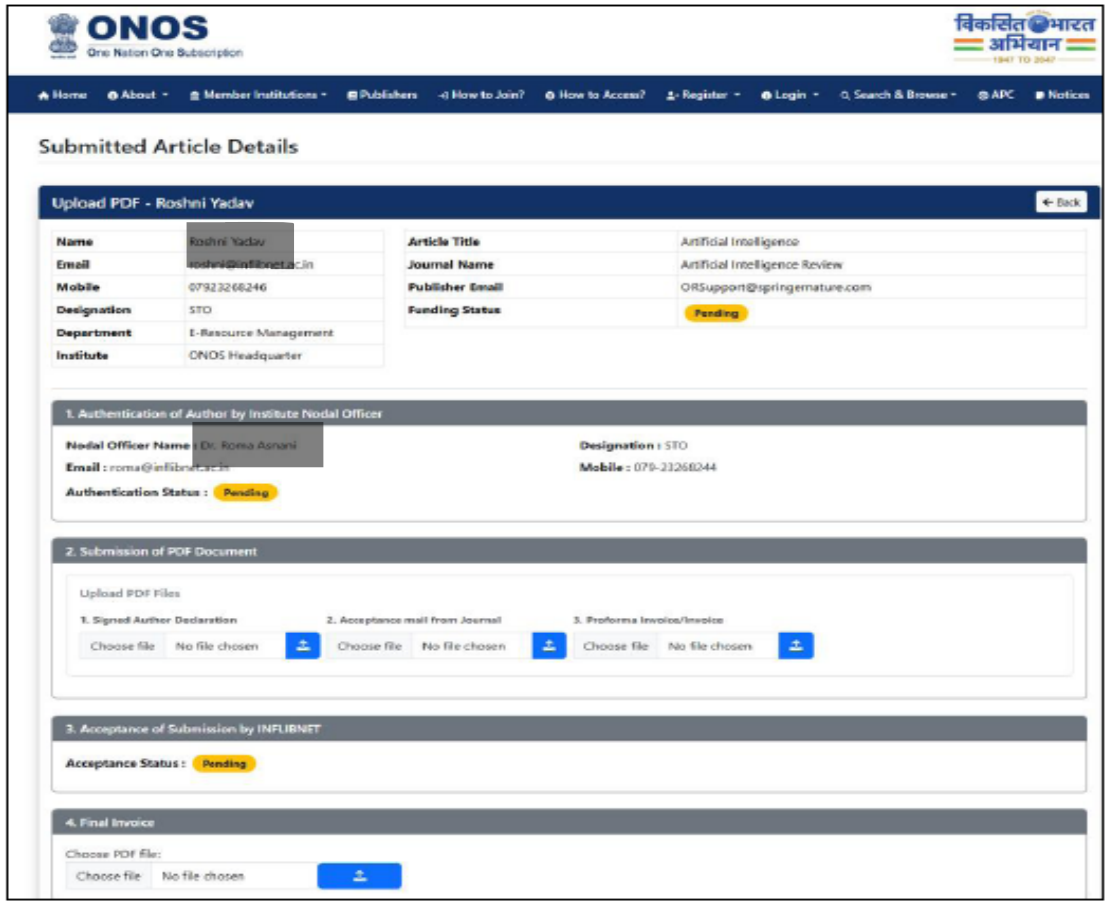
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➔ The required documents are mandatory to complete the application form, Click on document upload.

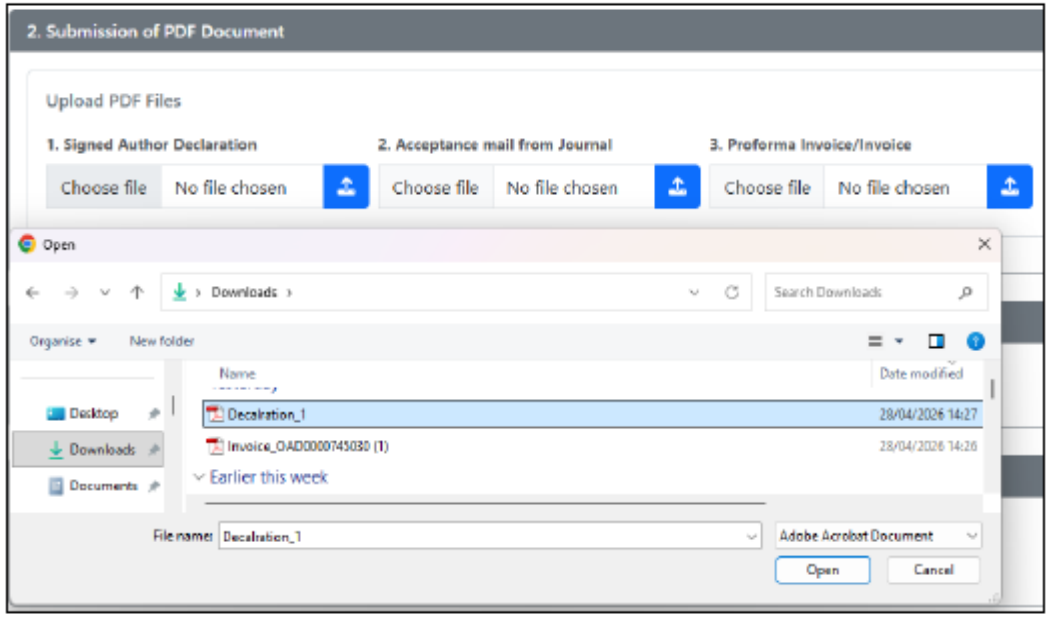


➔ The required documents, namely the signed Author Declaration Form, Acceptance Letter, and Proforma Invoice/Invoice, need to be uploaded.

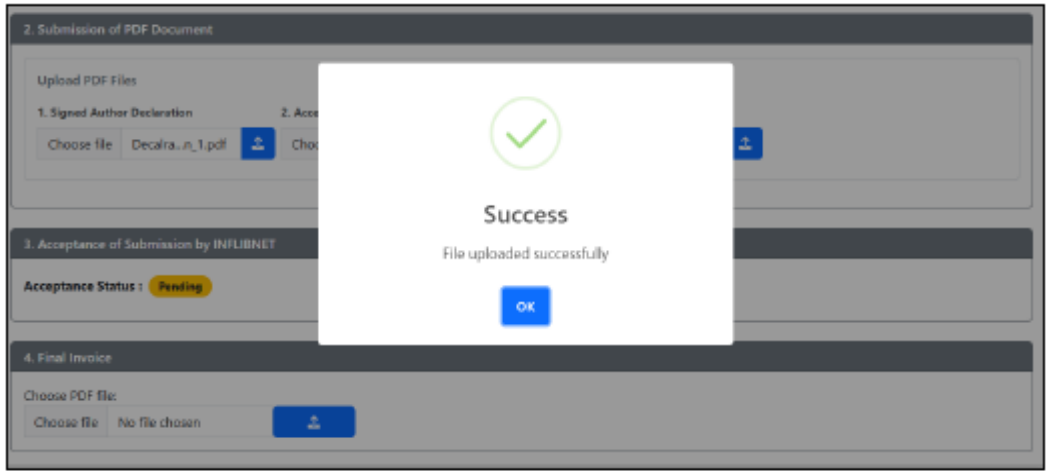


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➔ Click on Choose File under Signed Author Declaration and upload the signed declaration letter.

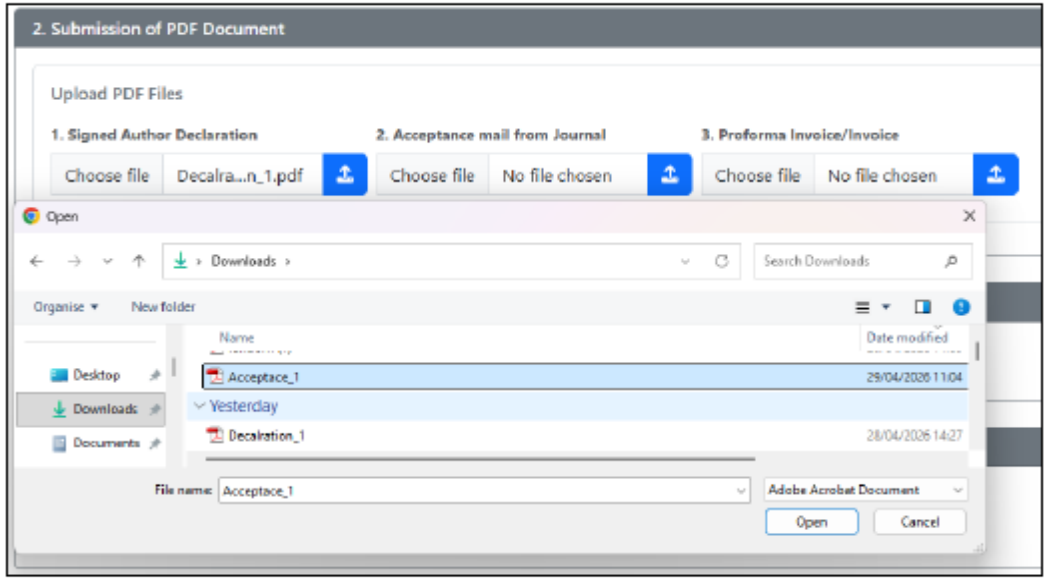


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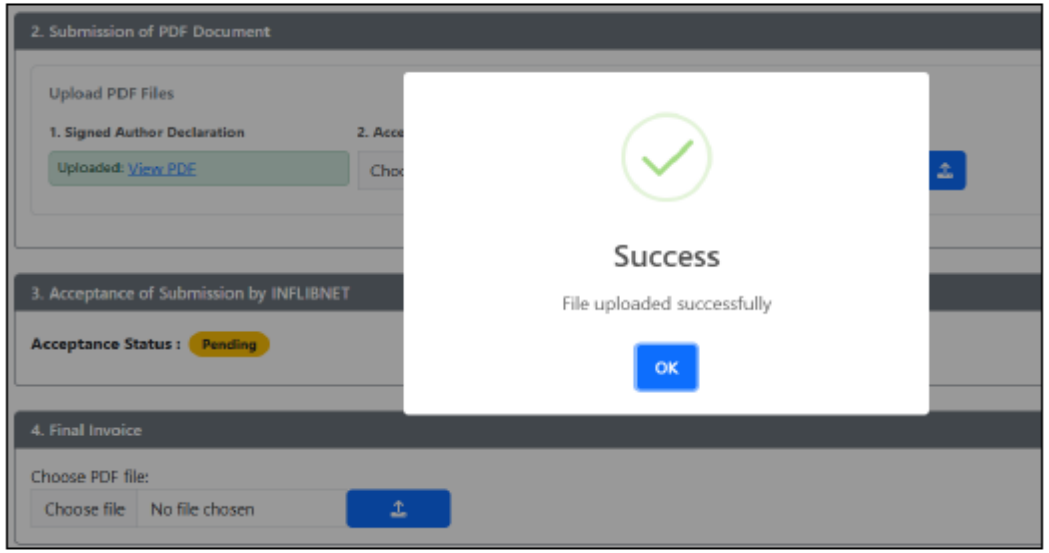


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➔ Click on Choose File under Acceptance Mail from Journal and upload the acceptance letter or email in PDF format.

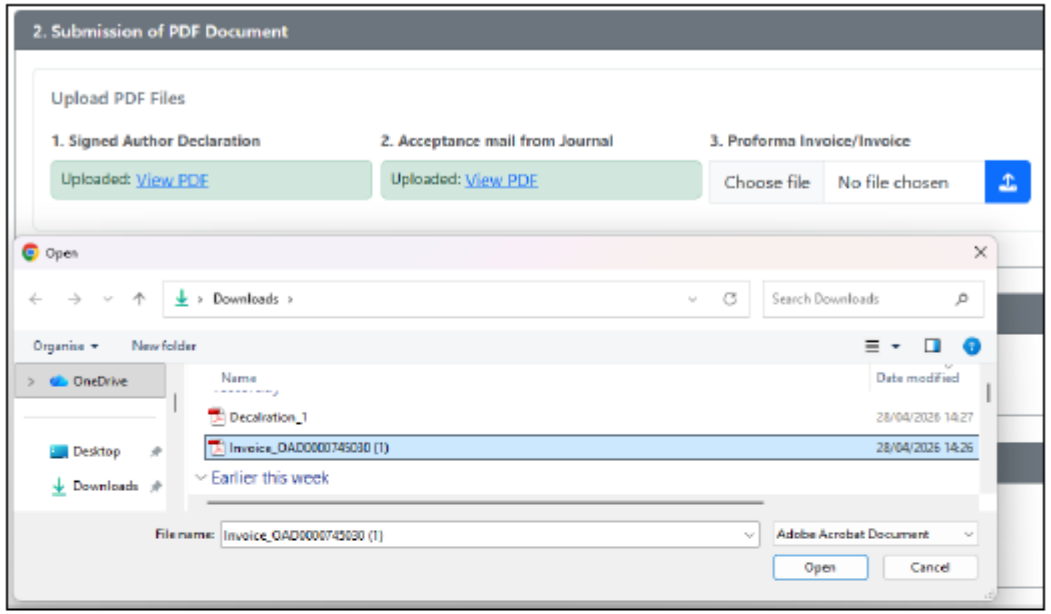


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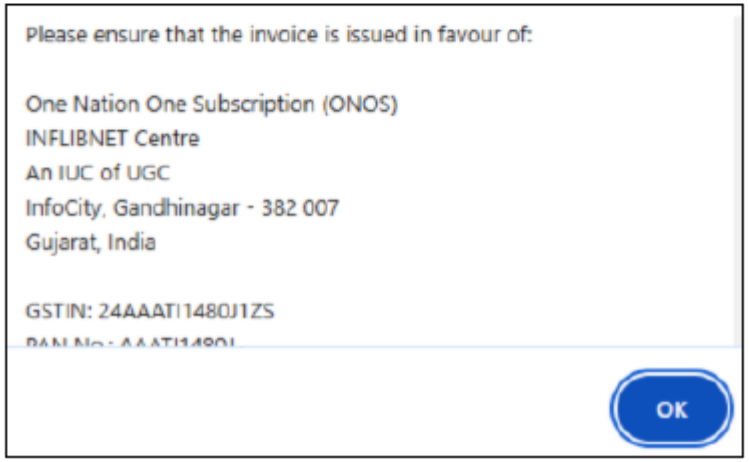


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➔ Click on Choose File under Proforma Invoice/Invoice and upload the Proforma Invoice/Invoice in PDF format.



➔ Click on ok if the Invoice details are mentioned as below.



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➔ Applicant can check the uploaded documents by clicking on View PDF button.



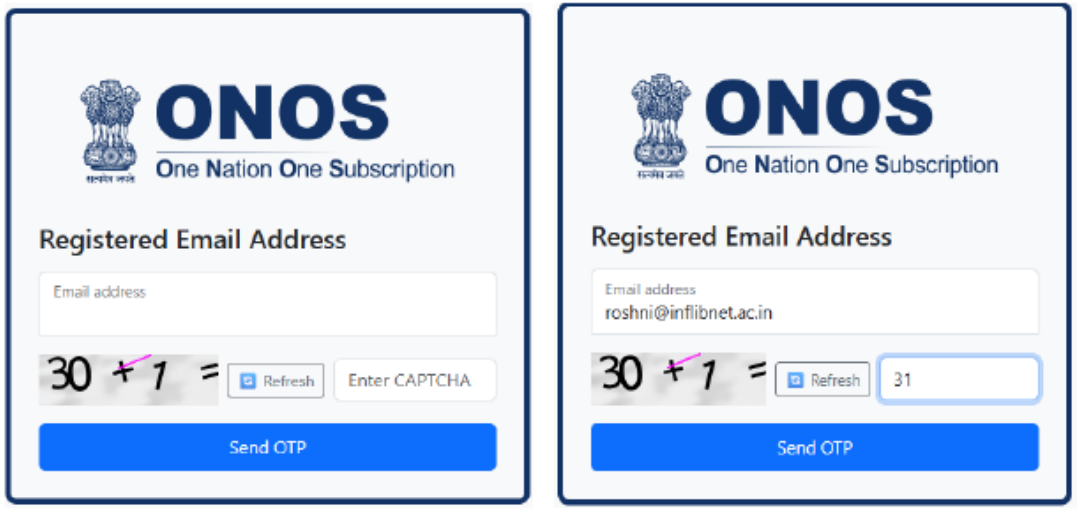
➔ The Submitted article details are given in View Option, Applicant check the status in it.



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How to Edit the Application of APC Request

- ➔ Go to the APC webpage on the ONOS Portal and click on **Apply for APC Support**. Then, select **Already Registered Author** to view all previously submitted article requests.
- ➔ Enter a valid email address, the displayed captcha and click on send OTP.

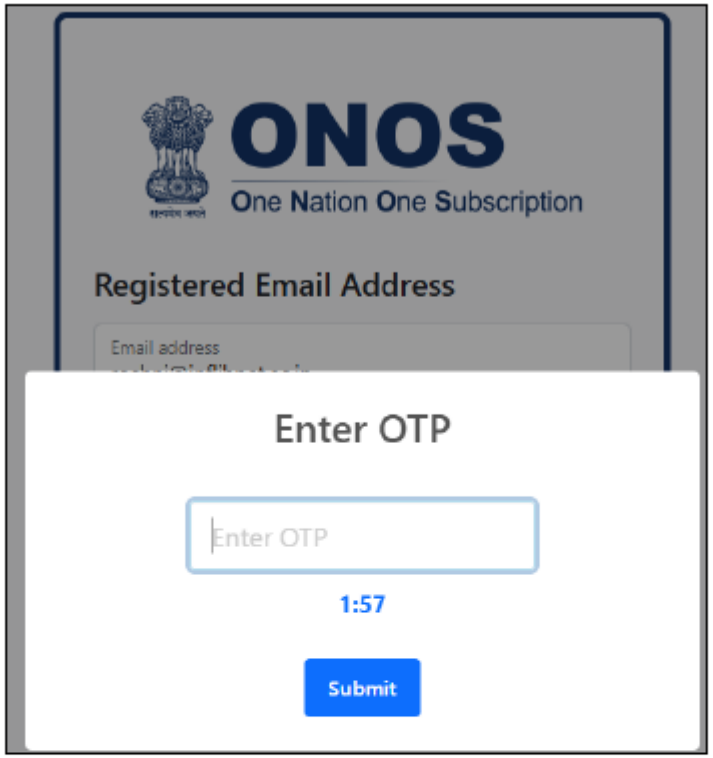


- ➔ The system will send an OTP to the applicant's registered email address.

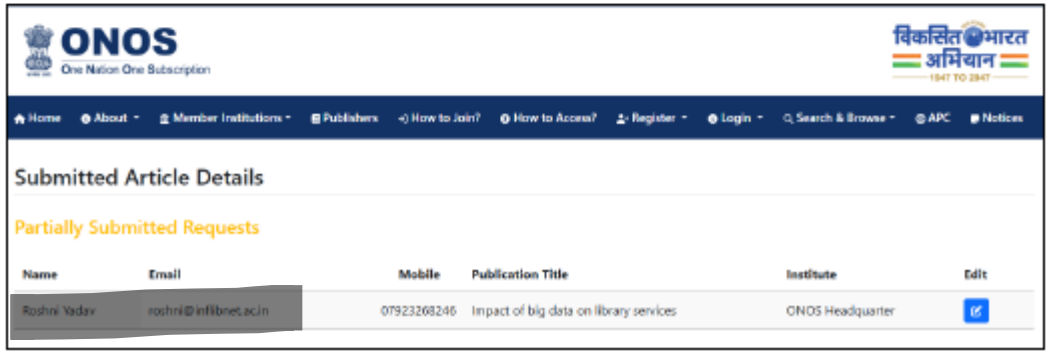


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➔ Enter the OTP and click on Submit.



➔ The webpage will display both partially submitted and submitted requests. Click on the 'Edit' button to complete the application which is incomplete.

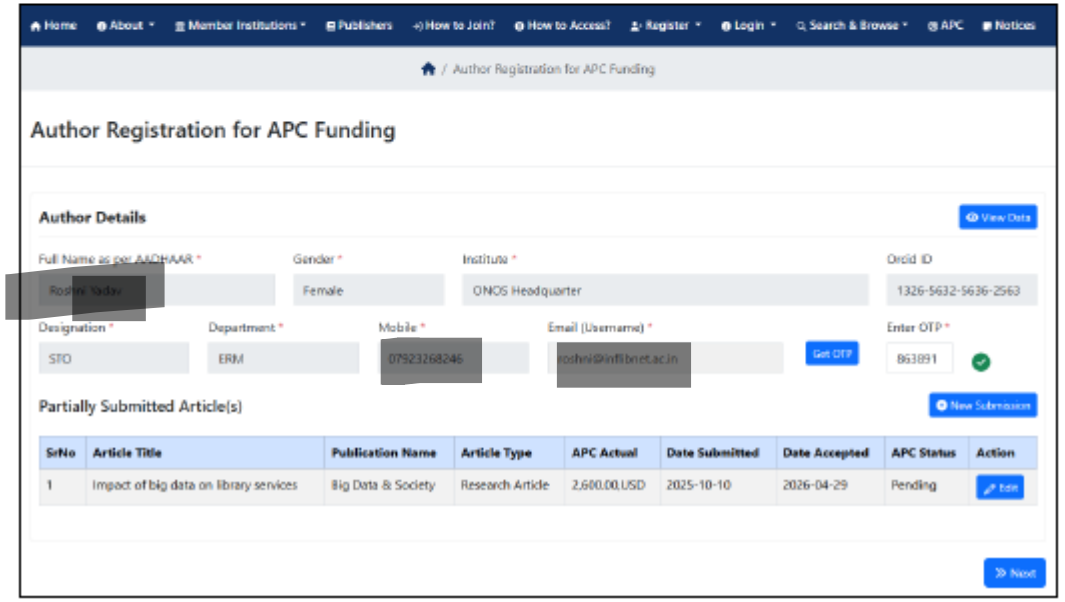


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➔ Click on the 'Get OTP' option and enter the valid OTP received at the applicant's registered email address. After confirming the OTP, click on the Next button.

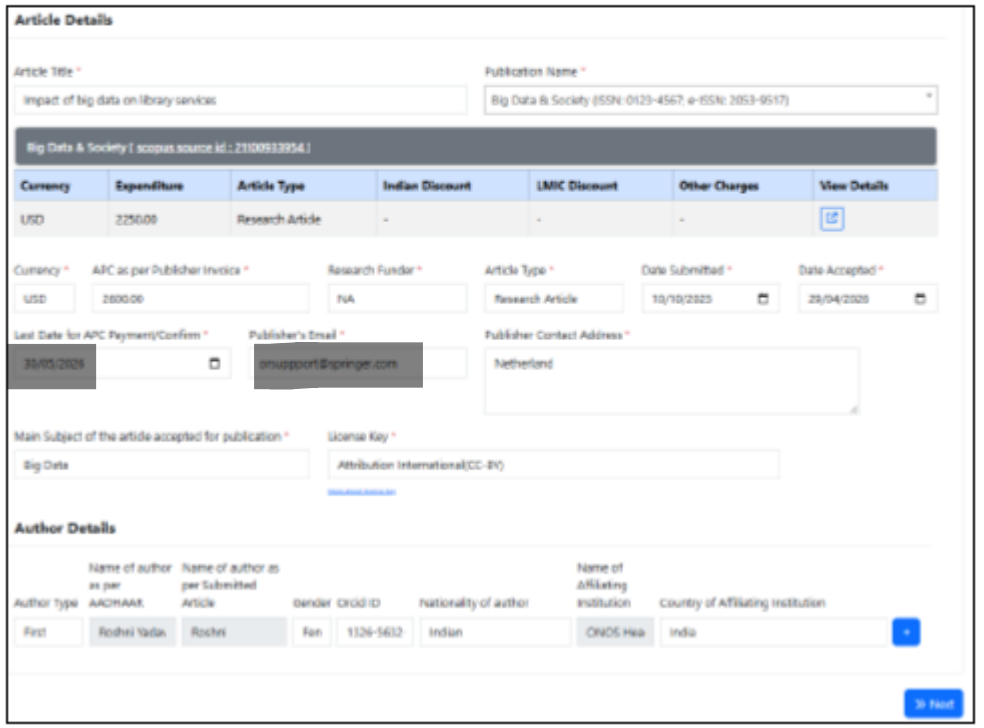


➔ Check the title and click on the Edit button



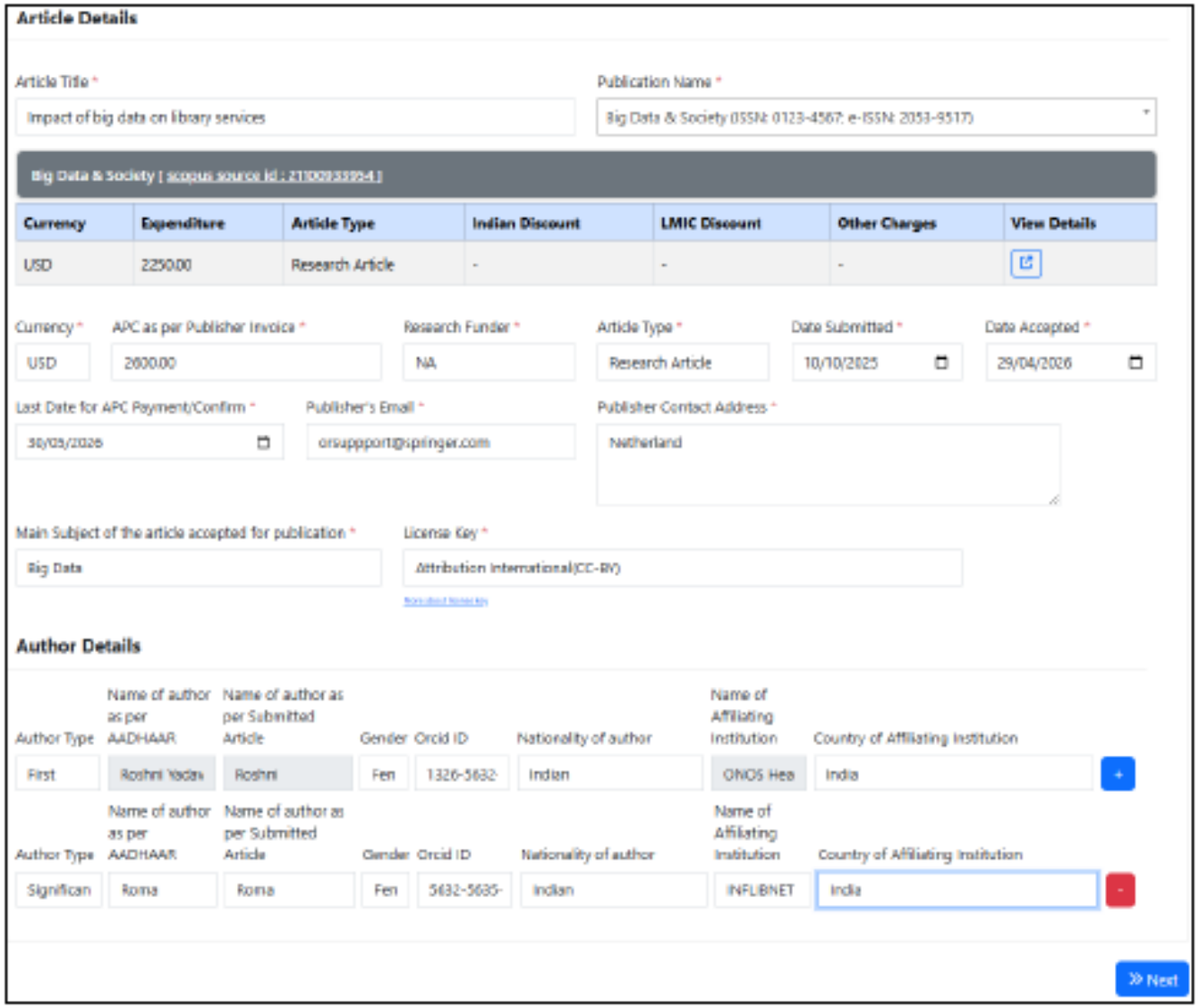
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➔ Applicant can edit the article and author details except the Publication/Journal Name.
Note: If the Publication/Journal Name needs to be changed, the applicant should submit a new application request.



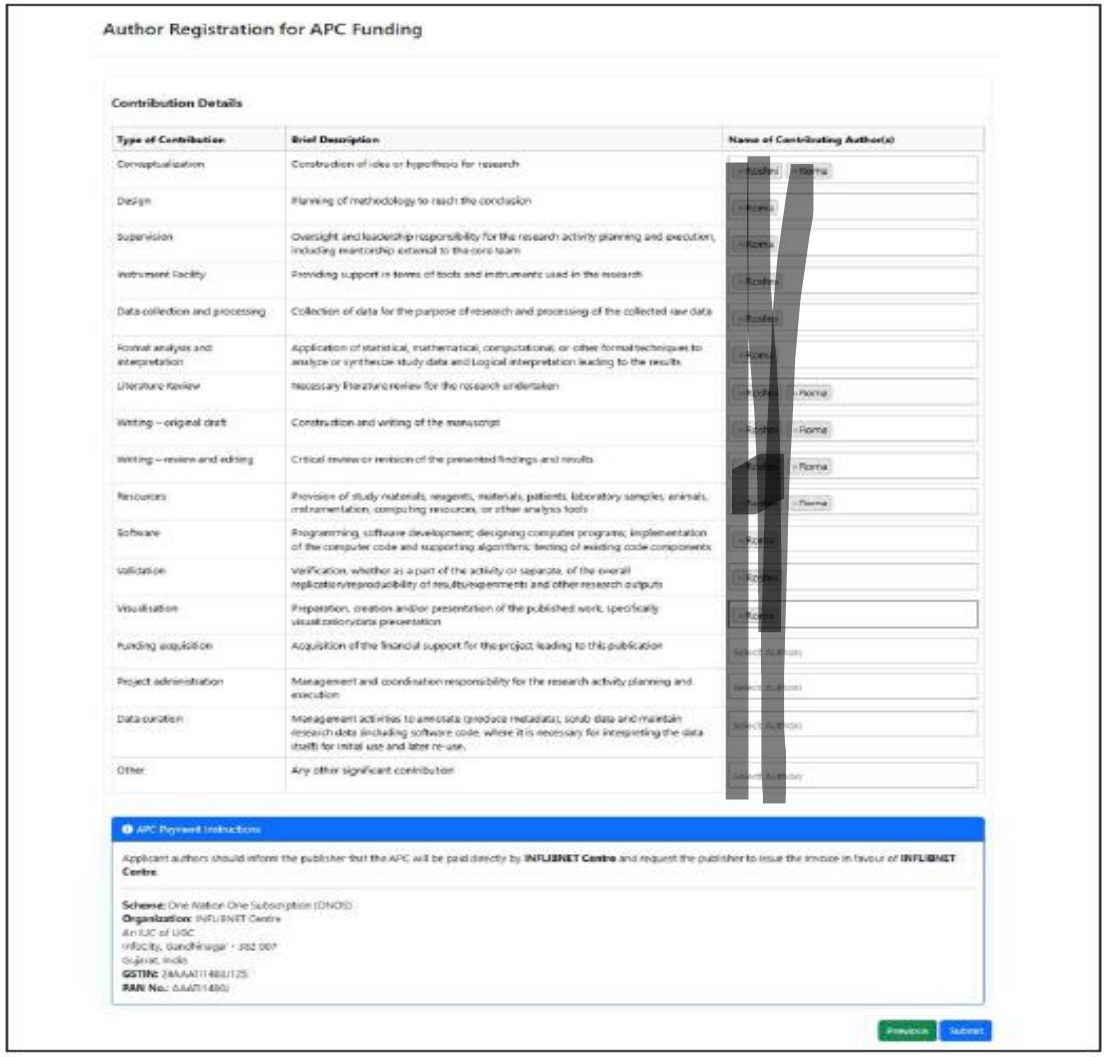
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➔ Enter the article and author details that need to be added; then click on Next button.



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➔ Applicant must indicate the author's contribution for the article, and then Submit the application.

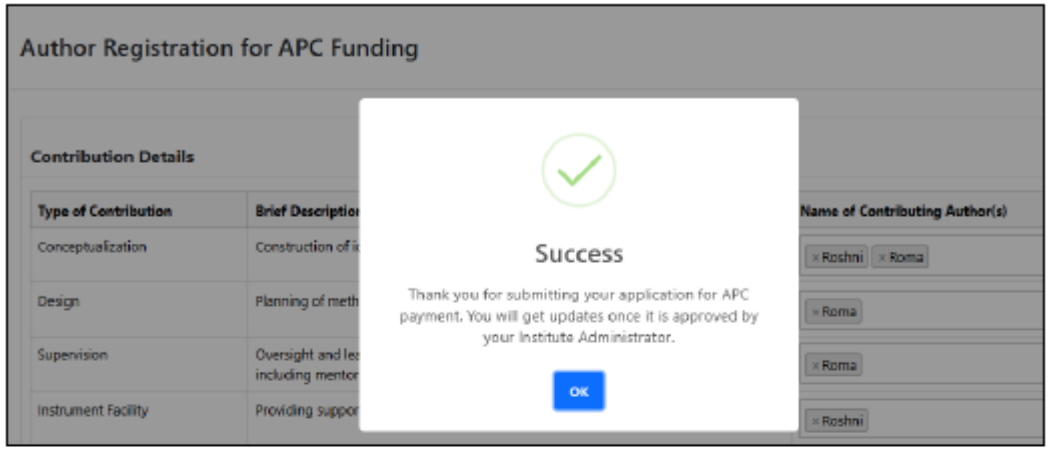


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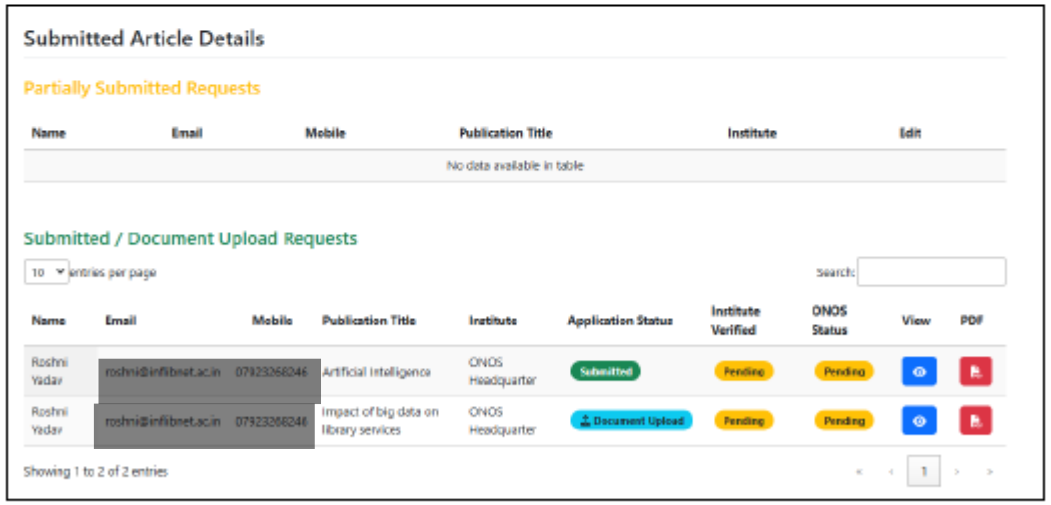
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➔ The system will automatically send an email notification to the respective author(s) after submitting the application.



➔ In the APC portal, you can check the status of all submitted applications, such as Submitted, Partially Submitted, and Document Upload Pending.



➔ After submitting the APC application request, the applicant should submit the required documents i.e. Signed Author Declaration Form, Acceptance Letter, and Proforma Invoice/Invoice to complete the application.

APC Support Under ONOS: Workflow Summary

- **Registration:** The eligible author registers on the ONOS APC page using their institutional email ID authenticated via OTP.
- **Article Details Submission:** The author selects the eligible journal from a predefined drop-down list and inputs accepted article details, including submission and acceptance dates.
- **Institutional Verification:** The corresponding institute's nodal officer verifies that the applicant is a bona fide regular employee, student, or researcher of an eligible ONOS member institution.
- **Author Contribution & Joint Declaration:** The applicant uploads a completed declaration form signed by all co-authors confirming significant intellectual contribution and ensuring no duplicate funding claims from other sources.
- **Invoice & Payment Submission:** Details for payment or the publisher's invoice are submitted for central account processing.
- **ONOS Evaluation:** The request is reviewed and either accepted (subject to fund availability on a first-come, first-served basis) or rejected with proper intimation.
- **Direct Payment:** INFLIBNET executes the payment directly to the publisher's bank account with statutory taxes (like TDS) deducted at source.
- **Intimation & Confirmation:** The author receives notification of the completed payment details and subsequently provides publication confirmation, which serves as a prerequisite for any future APC claims.

APC Support Under ONOS: Do

- **DO verify journal eligibility:** Ensure that the Journal is in list of journals eligible for APC Support. DO verify it at the ONOS APC Support Portal, not at the ONOS Access Portal.
- **DO complete user registration first:** Fill out the author registration details accurately—including your full name as per Aadhaar, valid email address, correct captcha, and institutional affiliations—before applying for support.
- **DO enter correct billing/invoice details:** Inform the publisher that the APC will be paid directly by the **INFLIBNET Centre** and request the invoice to be issued in favour of:

  One Nation One Subscription (ONOS)
  INFLIBNET Centre (An IUC of UGC)
  InfoCity, Gandhinagar - 382 007, Gujarat, India
  GSTIN: 24AAATI1480J1ZS | **PAN No.:** AAATI1480J
- **DO print, sign, and stamp the Author Declaration Form:** Ensure the downloaded declaration form is signed by the applicant, all co-authors, and formally endorsed/stamped with the official seal by the **Head of the Institution** prior to upload.
- **DO upload all mandatory PDF documents:** Complete the application by uploading the three required files: (1) Signed Author Declaration, (2) Acceptance Letter/Email from the journal, and (3) Proforma Invoice or Invoice.
- **DO use the "Already Registered Author" option for updates:** If you need to check status, complete partially submitted requests, or edit existing details, log in via the APC portal using your registered email and OTP.

APC Support Under ONOS: Don’t

DON'T alter the journal name during edits: Remember that the publication/journal name cannot be changed from an existing edit window; if a journal change is necessary, you must submit a brand **new application request** instead.

DON'T accept personal or incorrect billing headers: Do not allow the publisher to issue the invoice solely under your personal name or a generic institutional header without explicitly including the ONOS and INFLIBNET Centre billing criteria and GSTIN.

DON'T leave required fields blank in multi-author submissions: Ensure that mandatory author details (such as correct author type, affiliations, nationalities, and contributions using CRediT taxonomy roles) are completely filled out for every co-author.

DON'T skip institutional endorsement: Do not submit the final application package without the Head of Institution's formal signature and office seal, as institutional verification is mandatory for processing.

DON'T forget to verify via OTP: Do not close your session prematurely without completing the email OTP verification steps required during both initial registration and subsequent edits.

DON’T pay first: DON’T pay first and then apply for reimbursement

APC Support Under ONOS:

- CRediT clarifies *what* someone did, rather than deciding *who* qualifies as an author.
- A single contributor can hold multiple roles, and a single role can be shared by multiple people.
- A summary table of all the Contributor Role Taxonomy (CRediT) roles & examples
  - Conceptualization
  - Data curation
  - Formal analysis
  - Funding acquisition
  - Investigation
  - Methodology
  - Project administration
  - Resources
  - Software
  - Supervision
  - Validation
  - Visualization
  - Writing – original draft
  - Writing – review & editing

Source: https://credit.niso.org/

Other APC Support Initiatives by ONOS

- **ACM, the Association for Computing Machinery** (ACM Digital Library): Authors in participating institutions to publish an unlimited number of Open Access research articles in ACM journals, ACM conference proceedings and ICPS Proceedings with no article processing charges (APCs). More details available at https://www.acm.org/media-center/2025/april/onos-initiative-acm-open-agreement

- **Wolters Kluwer Lippincott** provide a flat 50% APC support on a curated selection of credible Open Access and Hybrid journals as per Statement of Commitment (अनुसंधान ज्योति - India Open Access APC Advantage Pilot) signed by Wolters Kluwer in the presence of the Office of the Ministry of Education on March 05, 2026. Details of the Initiative is available at https://www.wolterskluwer.com/en-in/solutions/open-access-at-wolters-kluwer-health/lippincott-open-access/lippincott-india-apc-advantage-program

- **Elsevier** Geographical Pricing for Open Access (GPOA) pilot initiative enables researchers from India (and other eligible low and middle-income countries) to benefit from up to an 80% discount on the standard APC list price for participating fully gold open access journals (~ 300 journals). Details of the Initiative is available at https://www.elsevier.com/about/policies-and-standards/pricing/gpoa-journals-list

Other APC Support Initiatives by ONOS

- **Springer** Country-tiered APC pricing pilot initiative enables 75% discount for authors from India on the standard APC price for selected 64 journals. Details of the Initiative is available at https://www.springernature.com/gp/open-science/policies/journal-policies/apc-pilot

- **OUP** automatically waives or discounts the article processing charges (APCs) in fully open access journals for eligible authors as part of our waiver and discount policy. OUP also grants a small number of discretionary waivers on a case-by-case basis for authors publishing in fully open access journals who are unable to pay the APC, regardless of their country of residence. As part of publisher-supported open access initiatives, Oxford University Press (OUP) offers a 25% APC discount for corresponding authors based in India when publishing in eligible fully open access journals. The discount is applied automatically based on the author's institutional address and does not require a separate application. Details of the Initiative is available at https://academic.oup.com/pages/open-research/open-access/charges-licences-and-self-archiving/apc-waiver-policy

- **Research for Viksit Bharat – A T&F Initiative:** To support research that advances India and knowledge that shapes Viksit Bharat, Taylor & Francis offers a 40% APC discount on 57 selected Open Access interdisciplinary journals. This will empower Indian researchers to share high-quality research globally. Discover the eligible journals and publishing benefits available at https://think.taylorandfrancis.com/onos-apc-support/

Other APC Support Initiatives by IIT Delhi

- Under the Read and Publish Agreement between IIT Delhi and Cambridge University Press, all authors affiliated with IIT Delhi can publish in 410 Cambridge University Press (CUP) journals without paying any APC.

- IRD provides full APC support for IIT Delhi-affiliated authors for the publication of articles in journals whose Impact factor is >= 25.

- Central Library endorse and provides a letter to the author, depending upon the requirements of the editor of a journal, for the certificate regarding “No Source of funds for APC”

Questions received from the Registered Participants

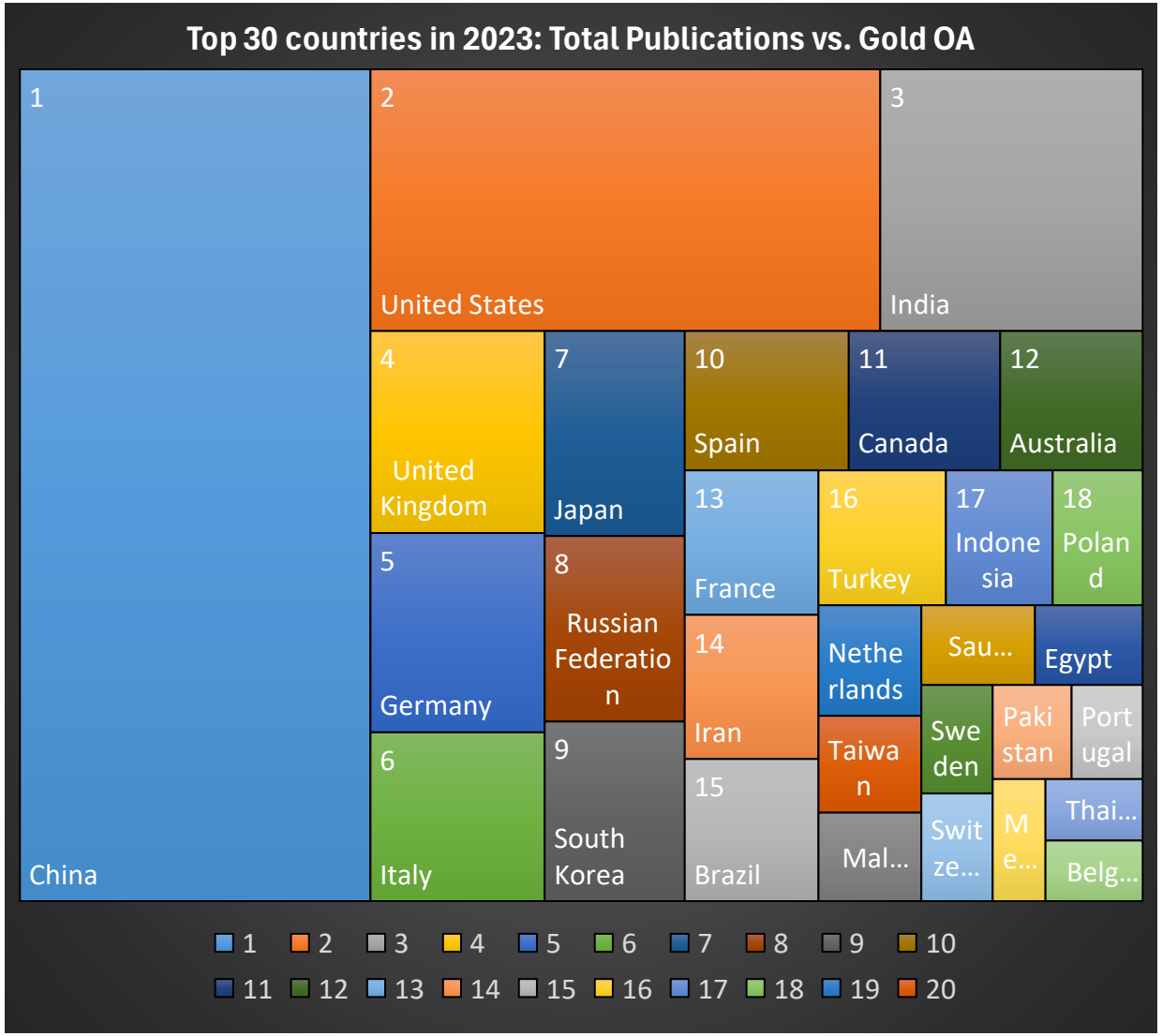
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- APC support for which civil engineering-specific journals?
- Can one student/PI be available for ONOS for multiple articles during a PhD?
- What chemistry journals are covered for ONOS APC?
- Where to get and how to fill the application form
- Please let us know the exact procedures, step by step.
- Does IIT support APC, and for which journals?
- Does ONOS cover the complete Article Processing Charge (APC) for publishing in Open Access journals, or is there a maximum funding limit per article?
- Is there any way to reduce open access charges? Which publications offer discounts on open access charges for IITD students?
- How to search for a journal that is on the subscription list?
- Can a PhD student get APC if he/she communicates the paper in a paid journal?

Important Clarifications

If a journal appears in the list in one year (say in the year 2025) but gets excluded from the list next year (say year 2026), **articles accepted for publication** in the year 2025 will remain eligible for payment of APC, even if the actual payment happens in 2026.

Mandatory Acknowledgement after Funding

Total Publications vs. Gold OA share (2023)



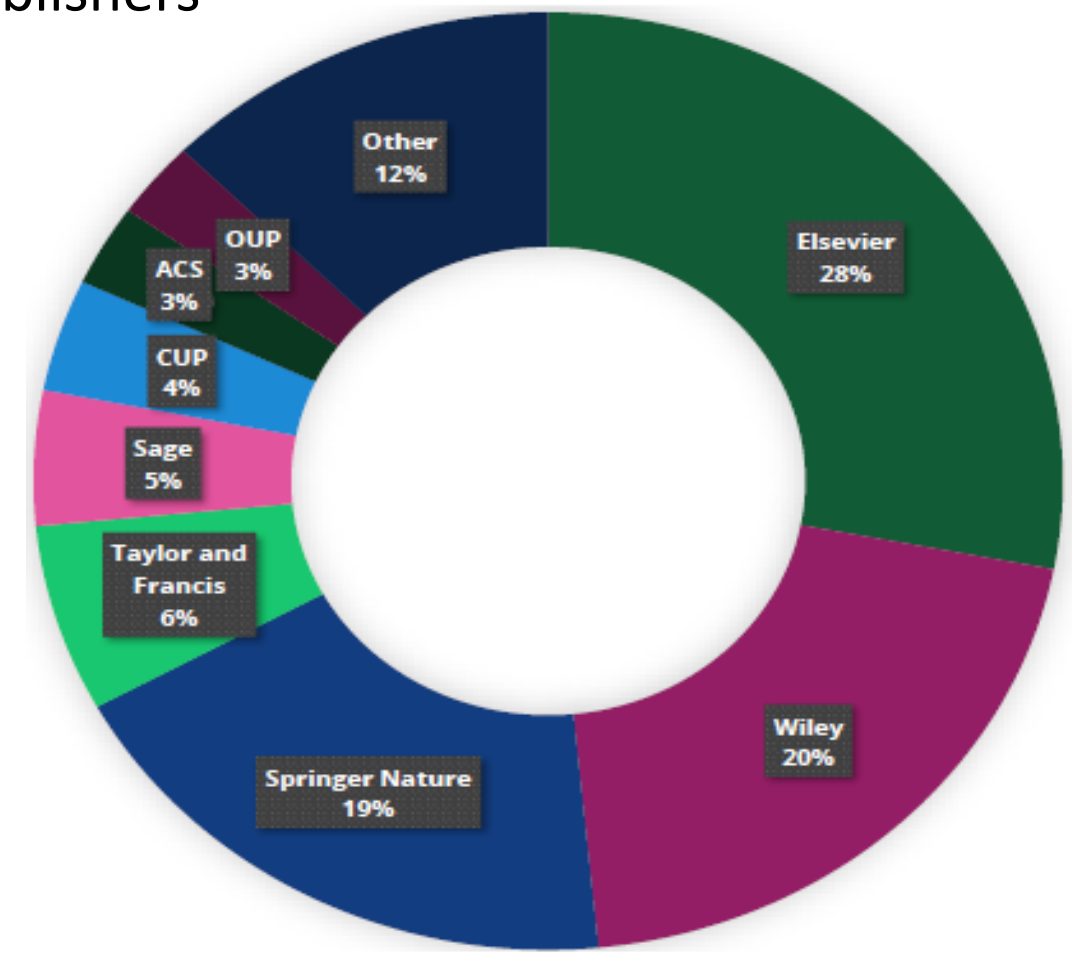
Rank	Country / Region	% Gold OA
1	Sweden	80
2	Netherlands	74
3	Switzerland	69
4	Poland	67
5	United Kingdom	66

Rank	Country	% Gold OA
27	China	30
25	United States	35
30	India	19
5	United Kingdom	66
9	Germany	58

Data Source ; https://stm-assoc.org/oa-dashboard/oa-dashboard-2024/

TA share by publishers

Limited to Large Publishers



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India Open Access Landscape (2015 – 2023)

- Total Documents: **1,845,251**
- Total OA: 500120
- % OA: 27%

Type	Number
Gold	288192
Green	253512
Bronze	86033
Hybrid Gold	48161

India Open Access Landscape (2023)

- Total Documents: 3,04,496
- Total OA: 83238
- % OA: 27%

Type	Number
Gold	52432
Green	36668
Bronze	9846
Hybrid Gold	11600

IIT Delhi contribution towards OA

Total Publications	56888
Total OA	7921 (13%)
Green	4049
Gold	3272
Bronze	1905
Hybrid gold	750

Total Publications (2015-2024)	30,837
Total OA	5913 (19%)
Green	3254
Gold	2799
Bronze	962
Hybrid gold	640

Initiatives by IIT Delhi for OA

- OA awareness programs through workshops and training
- Maintain OA Dashboard
- Conversion of pay wall articles into Open Access
- Individual problem solving at submission and post submission stage
- Help in collaboration and funding opportunities
- APC coverage for the publication in high impact factor journals
- Encourage researchers to use preprint archives

Problems with Present Gold OA Models

- Enable open access only if authors can afford to pay for this
- Implemented in ways that have advantaged commercial publishers
- High APC and Sustainability Issues
- Attracted predatory open-access journals (potential for profit making}
- OA market is dominated by a small number of very large publishers
- Huge barrier to move towards more equitable systems of publication
- ‘Read-and-Publish’ and Transformative Agreements have their own demerits
- Double Dipping
- Lack of Standardization

Problem with Green OA Model

- Circulation of multiple Versions
- Absence of peer review and quality check
- Acceptability in academic work
- Not an alternative way of publishing
- Embargo Periods
- Technical and Administrative Burden
- Discoverability
- Publisher Opposition

Global Policy Trends for OA

- Plan S essentially requires all research funded by coalition members to be published OA, and only in fully-OA journals or hybrid journals within the “Transformative Agreement” framework
- The U.S. Office of Science and Technology Policy, under Nelson Memo, has mandated that from 2026, all publicly funded research articles must be freely accessible without any delay.
- The new policy requires that research publications be “made freely available and publicly accessible by default in agency-designated repositories without any embargo or delay after publication.“
- Nelson Memo will cover around 200,000 papers per year, about a third of total output from US researchers
- Horizon Europe, the European Union’s flagship funding program, requires peer-reviewed publications resulting from its funding be made freely available online

India’s Present OA Status

- No comprehensive nationwide OA policy in place
- White paper published by the Office of the PSA “Role of Science Advice in Shaping National and Global Policy Discourse on Open Access” in Sep. 2024
- Pushing for increased access through initiatives like the "One Nation, One Subscription" (ONOS)
- APC coverage is one of the agendas of ONOS, but formal policy is yet to be announced.
- DOAR has listed only 111 repositories in India
- Shodhganga has 6,57,000+ theses

Future of OA

- Transition phase (For the publishers, Governments, Researchers and libraries)
- Growth of Gold OA in transition phase; expected to grow further when policy like Nelson Memo will be in place
- Consolidation with big players
- Green OA would grow over a period depending upon the policies adopted by funding agencies and government
- Growth in hybrid output and hybrid revenues continues to be strong for a time being
- Indexing and citation database would have an important role to play
- New metrics or indicators to assess academic reputation would have important role to play
- Replication of ONOS like model

Issues and Challenges

- APC barrier: fees that may be modest for some countries being very expensive for others
- There is no one-size-fits-all model in academic publishing.
- Whether Centralised or Decentralised OA policy
- TA limited to large publishers
- Higher publishing cost for Research institutions

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