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**RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD) REGULATIONS, 2020-21.**

1. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO PH.D. PROGRAMME:

Subject to the conditions stipulated in these Regulations, the following persons are eligible to seek admission to the Ph.D. programme:

- 1.1. Master's Degree holders satisfying the following stipulated criteria.
- 1.2. Candidates who have cleared the M.Phil. course work with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and successfully completing the M.Phil Degree shall be eligible to proceed to do research work leading to the Ph. D. Degree. A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC(non-creamy layer)/differently-abled and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.
- 1.3. A person who's M.Phil. Dissertation has been evaluated and the Viva-Voce is pending may be admitted to the Ph.D. programme of the same Institution;
- 1.4. Candidates possessing a Degree considered equivalent to M.Phil. Degree of an Indian Institution, from a Foreign Educational Institution accredited by an Assessment and Accreditation Agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to Ph.D. programme.

2. PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION:

- 2.1 The Institute shall admit Ph.D. students through an Entrance Test conducted at its level. The students who qualify UGC-NET (including JRF)/UGC-CSIR NET (including JRF)/SLET/GATE/teacher fellowship holder or have passed M.Phil programme.
- 2.2 Notify well in advance in the institutional website and through advertisement in at least two (2) national newspapers, of which at least one (1) shall be in the Regional language, the number of seats for admission, subject/discipline-wise distribution of available seats, criteria for admission, procedure for admission, examination centre(s) where entrance test(s) shall be conducted and all other relevant information for the benefit of the candidates.

- 2.3 Adhere to the National/State-level Reservation Policy, as applicable.
- 2.4 The admission shall be based on the criteria, keeping in view the guidelines/norms in this regard issued by the UGC and other statutory bodies concerned, and taking into account the reservation policy of the Central/State Government from time to time.
- 2.5 An Entrance Test shall be with qualifying marks as 50%. The syllabus of the Entrance Test shall consist of 50% of Research Methodology and 50% shall be subject specific. The Entrance Test shall be conducted at the Centre(s) notified in advance (changes of Centres, if any, also to be notified well in advance) at the level of the individual Institute as mentioned above.
- 2.6 An interview/*viva-voce* to be organized by the Institute as mentioned in clause 2.1 when the candidates are required to discuss their research interest/area through a presentation before a duly constituted Department Research Committee.
- 2.7 The interview/*viva voce* shall also consider the following aspects, viz. whether:
1. The candidate possesses the competence for the proposed research;
 2. The research work can be suitably undertaken at the Institute;
 3. The proposed area of research can contribute to new/additional knowledge.
- 2.8 The Institute shall maintain the list of all the Ph.D. registered students on its website on year-wise basis. The list shall include the name of the registered candidate, topic of his/her research, name of his/her supervisor/co-supervisor, date of enrolment/registration.

3. TREATMENT OF Ph.D THROUGH DISTANCE MODE/PART-TIME:

- 3.1 Notwithstanding anything contained in these Regulations or any other Rule or Regulation, for the time being in force, the Institute shall not conduct Ph.D. Programmes through distance education mode.
- 3.2 Part-time Ph.D will be allowed provided all the conditions mentioned in the extant Ph.D Regulations are met, in exceptional cases.

4. ADMISSION COMMITTEE:

- 4.1 For selection of Ph.D. candidates, an Admission Committee for each Department shall be constituted consisting of all the faculty members eligible to guide in that Department with a

Director's nominee. Head of the Department will convene the meeting(s) of the Admission Committee.

4.2 The Committee shall scrutinize the academic, professional and research potential of the candidates. Based on the performance in the written examination and interview / seminar / Group Discussion, the Committee shall duly certify on the eligibility of the candidate for provisional registration for Ph.D. program.

4.3 Each selected candidate shall be issued with an admission letter by the appropriate authority.

5. DURATION OF THE PROGRAMME:

5.1 Ph.D. programme shall be for a minimum duration of three years, including course work and a maximum of five years for full time scholars.

5.2 Extension beyond the above limits will be governed by the relevant clauses as stipulated in the Statute/Ordinance of the Institute.

5.3 The Women candidates and Persons with Disability (more than 40% disability) may be allowed a relaxation of two years for Ph.D. in the maximum duration. In addition, the women candidates may be provided Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave once in the entire duration of Ph.D. upto 240 days.

6. RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE / DOCTORAL COMMITTEE AND ITS FUNCTIONS:

There shall be a Research Advisory Committee/ Doctoral Committee for similar purpose as defined in the Statutes/Ordinances of the Institution concerned, for each Ph.D. scholar. The Research Supervisor of the scholar shall be the Convener of this Committee.

6.1 When the candidate is accepted for Provisional Registration, a Research Advisory Committee/Doctoral Committee will be constituted in each case. The Doctoral Committee shall consist of the Guide / Supervisor (as Coordinator he/she would initiate steps for the formation of the Committee), Co-Guide, if applicable, one or two faculty members from the Department and one faculty member from outside the Department (within the Institute or outside the Institute) specializing in a related field. However the maximum number of members of the Committee shall be limited to four. All members of the Doctoral Committee must be recognized as Research Guides. The Committee will be formed from the panel of names suggested by the Supervisor and nominated by the Director.

6.2 This Committee shall have the following responsibilities:

- (a) To review the research proposal and finalize the topic of research;
- (b) To guide the research scholar to develop the study design and methodology of research and identify the course(s) that he/she may have to do.
- (c) To periodically review and assist in the progress of the research work of the research scholar.
- (d) A research scholar shall appear before the Research Advisory Committee/Doctoral Committee once in six months to make a presentation of the progress of his/her work for evaluation and further guidance. The six monthly progress reports duly authenticated by the Members of the Doctoral Committee shall be submitted to the Controller of Examinations Office.
- (e) In case the progress of the research scholar is unsatisfactory, the Research Advisory Committee shall record the reasons for the same and suggest corrective measures. If the research scholar fails to implement these corrective measures, the Research Advisory Committee may recommend to the Institute with specific reasons for cancellation of the registration of the research scholar.
- (f) The first meeting of the Doctoral Committee shall be conducted within six-months after provisional registration and in this meeting the Doctoral Committee shall prescribe the courses that the candidate needs to take as requirement for the **Part-I** examination.
- (g) **Part I** examination, (i.e., a paper on Research Methodology and Research area related paper) shall be conducted by the Supervisor after completion of one year in consultation with the Doctoral Committee. The Doctoral Committee shall meet after the conduct of the examination to finalize the result. The supervisor will communicate the result to the Controller of Examinations Office.
- (h) The Doctoral Committee after examining the progress made by the candidate shall recommend for Synopsis presentation after three years, and the submission of the synopsis to the Controller of Examinations Office. The Doctoral Committee shall endorse changes in the title of the thesis, if any proposed by the candidate and supervisor.
- (i) The Doctoral Committee shall conduct a seminar after three years in which the candidate makes a public presentation of his/her synopsis on a working day. The thesis shall be submitted after 3 months but before completion of 6 months from the date of the synopsis seminar.

- (j) The Committee shall suggest names of the panel of examiners for the evaluation of the thesis to the Controller of Examinations. The Committee shall ensure that all the examiners are of **high standing in the field of the research of the candidate.**

7. COURSE WORK:

The course of study for the Ph.D. program shall consist of two written papers under Part-I and thesis and public *viva-voce* under Part-II.

- 7.1 Unless otherwise indicated, in the light of the candidate's attainment and with a view to fulfilling the requirements of research, each candidate provisionally registered shall be required to work under a supervisor and undergo such courses of instructions as may be prescribed by the doctoral committee during the first year of provisional registration.
- 7.2 A Ph.D. candidate shall, after the completion of the first year, take examinations consisting of, at least, two written papers of 3 hours duration each and a maximum mark of 100 for each paper, which will be conducted by the Supervisor.
- 7.3 Generally, the Paper I shall be on Research Methodology and Paper II shall be on the specific Area of Research/Allied fields.
- 7.4 A minimum of four credits shall be assigned to one or more courses on Research Methodology which could cover areas such as Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods, Computer Applications, Research Ethics, training, field work, etc. Other course shall be advanced level courses preparing the students for Ph.D. degree.
- 7.5 All courses prescribed for Ph.D. course work shall be in conformity with the credit hour instructional requirement and shall specify content, instructional and assessment methods. They shall be duly approved by the authorized academic bodies.
- 7.6 The Department where the scholar pursues his/her research shall prescribe the course(s) to him/her based on the recommendations of the Research Advisory Committee/ Doctoral Committee of the research scholar.
- 7.7 Evaluation in respect of paper I will be done by one of the examiners from the panel approved by the University for a period of three years. The evaluation of Paper II will be left to the supervisor / teacher who offer the course.

7.8 Grades in the course work, including Research Methodology courses shall be finalized after a combined assessment by the Research Advisory Committee and the Department and the final grades shall be communicated to the Controller of Examinations Office.

7.9 The Ph.D. scholar has to obtain a minimum of 55% of marks or its equivalent grade in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade/CGPA in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) in the course work in order to be eligible to continue in the programme and submit the Thesis.

7.10 A candidate who fails in the written examination may be permitted to reappear for the examination but not for more than two occasions. All the candidates shall have to clear the part-I examination within two years from the date of registration. During the reappearance the candidate shall be exempted from appearing for the papers in which he / she secured 55 % or more.

7.11 A candidate who fails in the third attempt shall not be permitted to continue and the provisional registration shall be cancelled.

8. EXEMPTION FROM PRE Ph.D. - PART I EXAM:

(a) In exceptional cases where candidate with at least two research publications in standard refereed journals, i.e., Scopus listed/Impact Factor or UGC Care List Journals / patents in the relevant area of research are exempted from taking the Pre Ph.D. Part-I examination on the recommendation of the Doctoral Committee.

(b) Candidates with M. Phil. qualification or Post-graduate qualifications mentioned in clause 1.2, 1.3 & 1.4 of the Ph.D. regulations or any other qualification as prescribed by the University from time to time are exempted from taking the Pre-Ph.D. Part-I examination, provided they are admitted to the research program in their own Faculty / Discipline.

9. CONFIRMATION OF PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION AND SUBMISSION OF THESIS UNDER PART – II:

(a) The provisional Registration of a candidate for the Ph.D. Degree shall be confirmed on receipt of the report of the result of the Ph.D. Part-I examinations conducted under the supervision of the Supervisor/HOD and the candidate will be registered under part-II of the Ph.D. program, namely, Thesis and Viva-voce. Such candidates shall be required to choose a research topic program and submit a thesis incorporating the results of his / her investigations carried out under the guidance of a recognized Supervisor.

- (b) Conversion of Ph.D. research from Full-time to Part-time and vice-versa will be allowed **only in special circumstances** and on payment of the prescribed status change fee of Rs.1000.
- (c) The following formula will be adopted for conversion of Ph.D. program from Full-time to Part-time and vice-versa. The residual period that the candidate has to complete, at the time of his / her submission for conversion (from full-time to part-time or part time to full time as the case may be), for fulfilling the requirement of the minimum duration of submitting the thesis under the existing category will be taken note of, and the equivalent period of the corresponding shall be determined and intimated to the candidate, without exceeding the maximum duration.

10. ALLOCATION OF RESEARCH SUPERVISOR:

Eligibility criteria to be a Research Supervisor, Co- Supervisor, Number of M.Phil./Ph.D. scholars permissible per Supervisor, etc.

- 10.1 Any regular Professor of the Institute with at least five research publications in **Scopus listed/Impact Factor or UGC latest recommended Journals** and any regular Associate Professor with at least four research publications and an Assistant Professor of the Institute with a Ph.D. degree and at least two research publications in Scopus listed/Impact Factor or UGC Care List Journals with three years of full time teaching experience may be recognized as Research Supervisor.
- 10.2 Only a full time regular teacher of the Institute can act as supervisor. The external supervisors are not allowed. However, Co-Supervisor can be allowed in inter-disciplinary areas from other departments of the same institute or from other related institutions with the approval of the Research Advisory Committee and with the approval of the Director.
- 10.3 The allocation of Research Supervisor for a selected research scholar shall be decided by the Department concerned depending on the number of scholars per Research Supervisor, the available specialization among the Supervisors and research interests of the scholars as indicated by them at the time of interview/*viva voce*.
- 10.4 In case of topics which are of inter-disciplinary nature where the Department concerned feels that the expertise in the Department has to be supplemented from outside, the Department may appoint a Research Supervisor from the Department itself, who shall be known as the Research Supervisor, and a Co-Supervisor from outside the Department of the Institute on such terms and conditions as may be specified and agreed upon by the consenting Department.

10.5 A Research Supervisor/Co-supervisor who is a Professor, at any given point of time, cannot guide more than Eight (8) Ph.D. scholars. An Associate Professor as Research Supervisor can guide up to a maximum of six (6) Ph.D. scholars and an Assistant Professor as Research Supervisor can guide up to a maximum of four (4) Ph.D. scholars.

10.6 In case of relocation of Ph.D. woman scholar due to marriage or otherwise, the research data shall be allowed to be transferred to the Institute to which the scholar intends to relocate provided all the other conditions in these regulations are followed in letter and spirit and the research work does not pertain to the project secured by the parent institute/ supervisor from any funding agency. The scholar will however give due credit to the parent guide and the institute for the part of research already done.

11. SUPERVISORS :

11.1 Assignment of Supervisor(s)

- (a) Assignment of supervisor will be mainly according to the candidates' preference. The candidate will select Supervisors according to their area/s of interest commensurate with the supervisor's area of specialization. The candidate will be required to select 2 guides, out of which one will be allotted by the Admission Committee in accordance with his/her availability. In the event of non-availability of the supervisor(s) chosen by the candidate the Admission Committee may recommend any other supervisor on the field.
- (b) The Institute shall prepare a panel of Research Supervisors in each discipline from both within the Institute and from leading research centres / institutions in India and abroad. The selection of the supervisors for empanelment shall be made both with the consent of the person and after due deliberations of his academic standing by the concerned School Board and approval of the Academic Council. The panel of supervisors shall be put on the website of the Institute and the prospective candidates can enter into advance correspondence with the supervisor and obtain his / her consent.
- (c) In order to promote interdisciplinary research supervisor and co-supervisor can be chosen from allied subjects from the same Department or other Departments.

11.2 Responsibilities of Supervisors:

- (a) The Supervisor carries the major responsibility of guiding the academic progress of the candidate throughout the period of study. He / she counsels the student in academic matters, provides guidance on the nature of course work and research, the standards expected, the adequacy of progress and the quality of work.

- (b) A Supervisor may not guide more than eight students of PhD full-time and part-time (internal / external) at any given time. In addition to this he / she can be co-guide to two candidates.
- (c) A Supervisor, who will be superannuating in less than two years period, may not take a new Ph. D student. However, he/she can co-supervise new students.
- (d) To ensure the successful and timely completion of the program, it is essential that supervisors and their students maintain regular contact. Supervisors must give their students advance notice if they plan to be absent from the Institute for an extended period of time, of at least six months, and make suitable arrangements for the continued supervision of the student.

11.3 Change of Supervisor:

- (a) In case of the absence of allotted supervisor for more than 6 months and up to 1 year, a supervisor in-charge may be allotted from the same Department or related Department with the approval of Doctoral Committee.
- (b) In case of the supervisor leaving the Institute permanently or on deputation elsewhere or otherwise for a period of more than one year, the candidate may be permitted to change the topic of research, if necessary, with the change of the guide. The duration of research will be the same if the topic of research remains the same. If there is a change in the topic, the minimum duration of research will be decided by the Doctoral Committee.
- (c) Change of supervisor will be allowed only under exceptional conditions such as non-availability of the guide for more than one year. Besides under extraordinary condition change of supervisor is warranted with the approval of the Director based on the recommendation of the Doctoral Committee.

11.4 Co-Supervisor / Co-guide

To accommodate interdisciplinary aspects of research, a supervisor can act as a co-guide on the basis of recommendation of the Doctoral Committee with the approval of the Director. The number of candidates registered under co-guide shall not be taken into consideration while counting permissible number of candidates registered under a particular guide/supervisor. The main supervisor / guide shall be responsible for the successful completion of the Ph.D. program of a candidate.

The Institute shall prepare a panel of external supervisors chosen from amongst the leading and well known researchers in various fields. This panel shall be prepared by invitations of expression of interest from National Institute/Central Universities, National Institute of Importance and overseas Universities.

12. SUBMISSION OF SYNOPSIS

- (a) Not less than three months before the submission of the thesis, every candidate shall submit to the Institute, through the supervisor and HOD, **six** copies of the synopsis of the thesis, together with the title of the thesis and prescribed examination fee. The candidate shall prepare the synopsis carefully in consultation with the supervisor. The synopsis should bring out in abridged form, the aims for conducting research, work done, results and findings. The candidate shall make a presentation of the synopsis at a seminar in the Department before submission of the synopsis
- (b) The Synopsis of the thesis shall not be less than four pages or exceed ten pages, typed on A4 size paper with one and half space. The Institute shall prescribe a format for the synopsis from time to time. The candidate shall also submit the electronic version (read only format) of the synopsis.
- (c) After the submission of the synopsis and a list of eight examiners (4 Indian and 4 Foreign) as prescribed by the supervisor in a sealed envelope to the Controller of Examinations Office and the Controller of Examinations shall contact the examiners.

13. SUBMISSION OF THESIS:

- (a) The Ph.D. program culminates with the submission of a thesis of a substantial work of original research carried out by the candidate under the guidance of the supervisor. It is expected to be potentially publishable and standard peer review journal.
- (b) After checking the similarity, the candidate shall submit **four** copies of the thesis in a hard bound form and one Soft copy in a CD to the Controller of examinations Office for evaluation by the experts. Once the thesis gets approved, the candidate shall incorporate all the corrections / suggestions, if any, and resubmit **two** copies of the final version of the thesis in hard bound form and **two** copies in the electronic form (read-only format) through supervisor and Head of the Department. The supervisor shall certify that the corrections / suggestions (if any) were incorporated.
- (c) The thesis should be submitted to the Institute for Evaluation not later than **six** months after the submission of the synopsis, through the supervisor, and through the Head of the Department / Head of the Institute, along with his / her application for the Ph.D. degree.
- (d) If the Candidate fails to submit the thesis within six months from the date of submission of synopsis maximum of two extensions of three months may be given with approval from the

Director after which the process gets cancelled. Then, he / she shall submit the synopsis again based on the recommendations of the Doctoral Committee. The Guide / Supervisor, with the approval of the Doctoral Committee shall submit a fresh panel of examiners.

- (e) One copy of the thesis (soft or hard copy) shall be placed in the University Library and one soft copy will be sent to National Library for hosting in the UGC Website. One copy of the thesis will be placed in the internet server after the award of the Ph.D. degree.
- (f) Supplementary papers to the thesis, printed copies of any contributions to the knowledge of the subject or of any cognate branch of science that may have been published in journals or periodicals may also be included along with the thesis or given as bibliography.
- (g) The thesis shall ordinarily be submitted not later than five years from the date of registration in the case of full-time candidates and six years in the case of part-time candidates. A maximum of two extensions of six months each shall be given at the discretion of the Director / A.C. on the recommendations of the Guide / Doctoral Committee after the expiry of which the registration will stand automatically cancelled.
- (h) Every candidate shall submit with his/her thesis a certificate from the Supervisor under whom he / she worked, that the thesis submitted is a record of original research work done by the candidate during the period of study under his / her supervision and that the thesis has not previously formed the basis for the award to the candidate of any Degree, Diploma, Associateship, Fellowship or other similar titles and that the thesis represents independent work on the part of the candidate. The Supervisor and the Candidate shall certify that the Thesis submitted is free from Plagiarism and shall submit a Similarity Report tested with the “Turnitin” software.
- (i) The Similarity Test of the Thesis shall be done on a Single file without Contents, References and Appendices.

14. EVALUATION OF THESIS:

- (a) A board of **three** examiners of **high eminence** shall carry out evaluation of the thesis.
- (b) A **panel of subject experts (4 Indian and 4 Foreign) only at the level of Professors** of Institute of Eminence and Importance, Central Universities and renowned State Universities should be provided by the Supervisor with their latest CV and full contact details including official email id to the CoE. In the case of Foreign Examiner, the panel of Examiners should be from latest 800 top QS World University Rankings. While in the case of Indian Examiners, it should be from latest top 100 NIRF ranking Indian

Universities. The supervisor may contact each member in the panel of examiners to seek their consent to be placed in the panel. The Supervisor shall take utmost care in preparing the panel and after checking their present status, their broader and specific area/field of specialization and bank account details. The panel shall be submitted to the Director. The Director shall indicate the name of the Indian & Foreign Examiner to whom the Thesis can be sent. Utmost confidentiality shall be maintained by the Controller of Examinations Office about the panel of name of the Examiners.

- (c) The thesis shall be referred to a Board of Examiners as per the Statutes and Ordinances of the Institute/University. Once all the Original Reports reach the Controller of Examinations, he/she shall forward them in sealed cover to Doctoral Committee. The Doctoral Committee shall make specific recommendations along with a two page consolidated report and recommend for the viva-voce. After the viva-voce, the recommendations shall be sent to Controller of Examinations for declaration of result with the approval of Director.
- (d) The Examiners who evaluate the thesis shall report on the merit of the candidate for the Ph.D. degree as follows:
 - i. The thesis to be accepted for the award of Ph.D. degree in the present form.
 - ii. The thesis to be accepted for the award of Ph.D. degree after minor corrections / revisions.
 - iii. The thesis can be passed after obtaining clarifications at the time of viva-voce.
 - iv. The thesis be revised and resubmitted for evaluation.
 - v. The thesis is rejected.
- (e) If the thesis is approved, each examiner may seek clarification/questions, if any, to be answered at the time of viva-voce.
- (f) When experts differ in their opinion while evaluating the thesis:

In case, all the three examiners or two out of three examiners have not commended, the thesis shall be rejected and the registration cancelled. In case, one of the three examiners has not commended, and then the thesis shall be again referred to a fourth examiner either Indian or Foreign as the case may be. If the fourth examiner commends the thesis, the candidate shall be allowed for the viva-voce examination. If the fourth examiner does not commend the thesis, it shall be rejected and registration cancelled.

- (g) If the examiner / examiners insist on any correction / revision to be made in the thesis, the same shall be made by the candidate before the public viva-voce examination and certified by the Supervisor and the Doctoral Committee.
- (h) If the Examiner / Examiners explicitly suggests requirement of the revision and re-submission for further examination, then the revised thesis duly certified by the Guide, Doctoral Committee shall be sent to the same examiner for further evaluation. In the absence of such a statement or if the examiner concerned specifically instructs that the revised thesis need not be sent back to him / her, the revised thesis duly certified by the Guide, Doctoral Committee and shall be accepted and the candidate shall be allowed for viva-voce.
- (i) The candidate should revise and re-submit the thesis within the shortest possible period in any case not later than one year from the date of the communication of the notice from the University.
- (j) In case the candidate fails to submit the revised form of the thesis within one year, the process of thesis evaluation gets cancelled. Then, the candidate shall submit the synopsis again to start the process of thesis evaluation.

15. AWARD OF DEGREE:

- (a) The Institute shall consider the reports and decide whether the candidate is worthy of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy and may take action in accordance with such a decision.
- (b) Candidates, who qualify for the Ph.D. Degree, shall be awarded the Degree in the respective discipline as that of their Master's Degree / M.Phil. Degree.
- (c) However, for those candidates who have qualified for the Ph.D. Degree disciplines which are interdisciplinary in nature the Institute may issue the Degree on the recommendations of the Doctoral Committee in the respective discipline in which they have registered and completed their Ph.D. program.
- (d) A candidate, who registers for Ph.D. program in this Institute in an inter-disciplinary area, will be awarded Ph.D. degree in the same discipline as his / her PG degree / M.Phil. Degree with explicit indication to the effect that it is an inter-disciplinary research.

16. PUBLICATION OF THESIS:

The thesis is a public domain document and the research embodied in the thesis may be published in part in reputed journals in the form of a book.

17. POWER TO REMOVE ANY DIFFICULTY:

1. If any differences of opinion develop between the student and the supervisor / guide at any time during the course of the PhD program then the Director's decision shall be final and binding.
2. The Director/ Academic Council have powers to remove any difficulty while implementing this program not withstanding whatever said above.

The following proforma (in two Stages, (i) **at the time of submission of Synopsis** and (ii) **before the submission of Thesis**) may be verified initially by the Supervisor and then by the Controller of Examinations Office before submission of thesis by the Research Scholars.

Proforma to be submitted before submission of Ph.D Synopsis

Sl. No.	Details	Description/Status
1	Name of the Ph.D Scholar	
2	Month and Year of Registration	
3	Discipline	
4	Name of the Research Supervisor	
5	Date of approval of Guide ship of the Research Supervisor (Copy to be enclosed)	
6	Date of conduct of Pre-Ph.D. Examination with title of Paper	
7	Details of Doctoral Committee Meetings held with Date	1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.
8	Whether copies of minutes of all the Doctoral Committee Meetings duly signed by the DC Members (at least four DC Meetings should have been conducted) been submitted by the respective Research Supervisors to the CoE's Office before Synopsis submission?	

9	Whether the statement of marks of course papers of the respective candidates been issued by the concerned HOD and a copy of the same been submitted to the CoE's Office before Synopsis submission?	
10	Whether copy of publication of an article based on thesis either in UGC Care List or Scopus Listed/Impact Factor Journal been forwarded to the CoE's Office from the Research Scholar at the time of Synopsis Submission? If so, copy of the article with details (UGC's care list Sl.No.) to be submitted.	
11	Whether attendance certificates for participation in at least two national conferences been submitted by each Research Scholar during their Ph.D study period at the time of Synopsis Submission?	

Note: All the Columns in the Proforma should be neatly filled-in and submitted along with Documentary evidence.

Proforma to be submitted before submission of Ph.D Thesis

1.	Date of Submission of Thesis	
2.	Names and affiliation of the panel of Examiners (with Post Address and contact details., i.e., official e-mail ID and Mobile Number) Proposed for Evaluation of the Thesis by the Research Supervisor (Both Indian and Foreign Examiners)	<p>Indian Examiners</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p> <p>4.</p> <p>Foreign Examiners</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p> <p>4.</p>
3.	Whether the CVs of the panel of Examiners Proposed for Evaluation of the Thesis by the Research Supervisor been submitted? (Both Indian and Foreign Examiners)	
4.	Whether the suggested Indian Examiners are qualified for Evaluating the Thesis as per UGC Norms?	
5.	Whether the authenticity of the External Examiners who has been suggested to evaluate the Thesis been verified? Provide Details.	
6.	Whether the panel of Foreign Examiner suggested is a full-time serving Professor within a top 800 QS World Ranking abroad University?	

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