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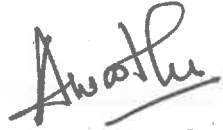
No./~~2194~~/Ph.D.-Aca. 105/Ord./S.M.K.V./2026,

Jagdalpur, Date ~~26~~/09/2026

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छत्तीसगढ़ शासन, उच्च शिक्षा विभाग, मंत्रालय, महानदी भवन, नवा रायपुर, अटल नगर के पत्र क्रमांक /GENS/13934/2026/38-2 दिनांक 23.09.2026 के अनुसार विश्वविद्यालय के संशोधित अध्यादेश क्रमांक — 45 (डॉक्टर ऑफ फिलॉसफी) का अनुमोदन माननीय राज्यपाल एवं कुलाधिपति महोदय द्वारा किया गया है।

एतद् द्वारा शहीद महेन्द्र कर्मा विश्वविद्यालय, बस्तर में पी-एच.-डी. पाठ्यक्रम हेतु यथा संशोधित अध्यादेश क्रमांक— 45 (डॉक्टर ऑफ फिलॉसफी) तत्काल प्रभाव से लागू किया जाता है।
 संलग्न :— अध्यादेश क्रमांक —45 (यथा संशोधित)
 (माननीय कुलपति महोदय द्वारा अनुमोदित)


 प्रभारी कुलसचिव
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1. माननीय राज्यपाल महोदय के सचिव, लोकभवन, रायपुर।
 2. सचिव, छत्तीसगढ़ शासन, उच्च शिक्षा विभाग, मंत्रालय, महानदी भवन, नवा रायपुर, अटल नगर।
 3. आयुक्त, उच्च शिक्षा संचालनालय, इंद्रावती भवन, नवा रायपुर, अटल नगर।
 4. माननीय कुलपति महोदय, शहीद महेन्द्र कर्मा विश्वविद्यालय, बस्तर।
 5. प्राचार्य, समस्त संबद्ध महाविद्यालय, शहीद महेन्द्र कर्मा विश्वविद्यालय, बस्तर।
 6. कुलानुशासक/अधिष्ठाता छात्र कल्याण, शहीद महेन्द्र कर्मा विश्वविद्यालय, बस्तर।
 7. समस्त विभाग प्रमुख/विभागाध्यक्ष, शहीद महेन्द्र कर्मा विश्वविद्यालय, बस्तर।
 8. जनसम्पर्क अधिकारी, शहीद महेन्द्र कर्मा विश्वविद्यालय, बस्तर।
 9. समन्वयक, IQAC, शहीद महेन्द्र कर्मा विश्वविद्यालय, बस्तर।
 10. आर. एण्ड डी. सेल;/आई. टी. सेल/वेबसाईट प्रभारी, शहीद महेन्द्र कर्मा विश्वविद्यालय, बस्तर।
- की ओर सादर सूचनार्थ एवं आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु प्रेषित।


 उप कुलसचिव (अकादमिक)
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 जगदलपुर (छ.ग.)

Ordinance No. 45
Doctor of Philosophy
(Amended)

(As per Notification No. 2194, Date - 26.09.2026)

1. Preamble:

The degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) may be granted in any discipline, belonging to any faculty of the Shaheed Mahendra Karma Vishwavidyalaya, Bastar, (hereafter: University), in which Post-Graduate studies and/or research is available at the University or at its affiliated Colleges that are recognized as research centers by the University.

2. Eligibility criteria for admission to the Ph.D. Programme-The following are eligible to seek admission to the Ph.D. programme:

(a) Candidates who have completed:

- i. A 1-year/2-semester master's degree programme after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme or a 2-year/4-semester master's degree programme after a 3-year bachelor's degree programme or qualifications declared equivalent to the master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed.

OR

Equivalent qualification 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 to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of the educational institution.

A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Divyang and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the UGC from time to time.

- ii. Provided that a candidate seeking admission after a 4-year/8- semester Bachelor's degree programme should have a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade maybe allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Divyang and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the UGC from time to time.

- (b) Candidates who have completed the M.Phil. programme with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed or equivalent qualification 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 to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to the Ph.D. programme. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Divyang and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the UGC from time to time.**

3. Procedure for Admission

University will conduct Ph.D. programmes using following methods:

- (a)** Notify a prospectus well in advance on the University website specifying the number of seats for admission, subject/discipline-wise distribution of available seats, criteria for admission, the procedure for admission, and all other relevant information for the candidates;
- (b)** The admission shall be based on the criteria notified by the University, keeping in view the guidelines / norms in this regard issued by the UGC and other statutory / regulatory bodies concerned, and taking



into account the reservation policy of the Central/State Government from time to time.

- (c) The University shall maintain a list of Ph.D. supervisors (specifying the name of the supervisor, his or her designation, and the department/school/centre), along with the details of Ph.D. scholars (specifying the name of the registered Ph.D. scholar, the topic of his/ her research and the date of admission) admitted under them on the website of the University and update this list every academic year.
- (d) Admission to the Ph.D. programme shall be made using the following methods:
- i. University may admit students who qualify in UGC-NET / UGC-CSIR NET/GATE/ CEED and similar National level tests based on an interview.

And/or

- ii. Students may be admitted through an Entrance Test conducted by University. The Entrance Test syllabus shall consist of 50% of research methodology, and 50% shall be subject-specific.
- iii. Students who have secured 50% marks in the entrance test are eligible to be called for the interview.
- iv. A relaxation of 5% marks will be allowed in the entrance examination for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/Divyang and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the UGC time to time.
- v. University may decide the number of eligible students to be called for an interview based on the number of Ph.D. seats available.
- vi. Provided that the selection of candidates based on the entrance test conducted by the University, a weightage of 70% for the entrance test and 30 % for the performance in the interview/viva- voce shall be given.

4. Course Work- Credit requirements, number, duration, syllabus, minimum standards for completion, etc.

- (a) The Credit requirement for the Ph.D. coursework is a minimum of 12 credits, including a "Research and Publication Ethics" course as notified by UGC vide D.O. No. F.1- 1/2018(Journal/CARE) in 2019 and a research methodology course. The DRC can also recommend UGC recognized online courses as part of the credit requirements for the Ph.D. programme.
- (b) All Ph.D. scholars, irrespective of discipline, shall be required to train in teaching/ education/ pedagogy/ writing related to University chosen Ph.D. subject during University doctoral period. Ph.D. scholars may also be assigned 4-6 hours per week of teaching/research assistantship for conducting tutorial or laboratory work and evaluations.
- (c) A Ph.D. scholar must obtain a minimum of 55% marks or its equivalent grade in the UGC 10-point scale in the course work to be eligible to continue in the programme and submit his or her thesis.
- (d) Candidate already holding M.Phil. degree or those who have already completed the course work in M.Phil. or Pre-Ph.D. from any recognized University/Institution, having earned the requisite credits as per the University's curriculum may be exempted by the DRC from the Ph.D. Course work.

5. Departmental Research Committee (DRC) Constitution

All academic matters related to Ph.D. degree shall be processed by a Departmental Research Committee (hereafter : DRC) consisting of the following:

- (a) Head of the School/Department (Chair), for UTD or Principal (Chair), for affiliated colleges of the University.
- (b) All teachers of the School/ Department/ Department of affiliated colleges of the University who are recognized by the University as Ph.D. supervisors.
- (c) There should be at least three members, including the chairman of the DRC.
- (d) The Kulapati shall nominate members from other/related departments in case the number of recognized Ph.D. guides is less than two in any School/ Department/approved research centers of the affiliated colleges of the University.



6. Research Degree Committee (RDC):

- (a) The candidate shall be eligible to submit synopsis (as per **Appendix-1**) of his/her proposed research work, after successfully completing the course work, along with the title of the thesis (in six copies) duly forwarded by the chairman of the relevant DRC. The candidate shall be required to make an oral presentation of the proposed work before the Research Degree Committee consisting of the following members:
- Kulapati or his/her nominee
 - Dean of the Faculty
 - Head of the University Teaching Department/ School of Studies in the subject.
 - Chairman, Board of Studies in the Subject
 - One external subject expert of the rank of a University Professor/ Director of recognized Institutes to be appointed by the Kulpati, out of a panel of 5 experts given by the Chairman of the Board of Studies concerned. The term of the subject expert shall be coterminous with the tenure of the Board of Studies.

External expert and two other members shall form the quorum.

Note: 1. The Supervisor/ Co-supervisor are entitled to be present during the oral presentation of his/her candidate.

2. No. TA and D.A. shall be payable to the candidate and the Supervisor/Co-supervisor for attending the Research Degree Committee meeting.

- (b) The meeting of the Research Degree Committee shall be held in the University Office twice a year preferably in July and January.

The committee shall confirm a list of approved Supervisor/Co-Supervisor along with University specializations, prepared by the DRC. This list shall be available with the Registrar/ Academic section of the University.

The committee shall formally recommend the registration of the candidate for the Ph.D. degree.

The RDC has the right to suggest revision/ alteration (if required) in the synopsis forwarded by DRC.

The candidate shall be registered and enrolled as a student from the date of his/her date of RDC. The candidate shall also be required to pay regular tuition, library and laboratory fees (six-monthly) during his / her research tenure.

Provided that if the RDC does not recommend a candidate for registration to Ph.D. degree, the caution money deposited by the candidate shall be refunded.

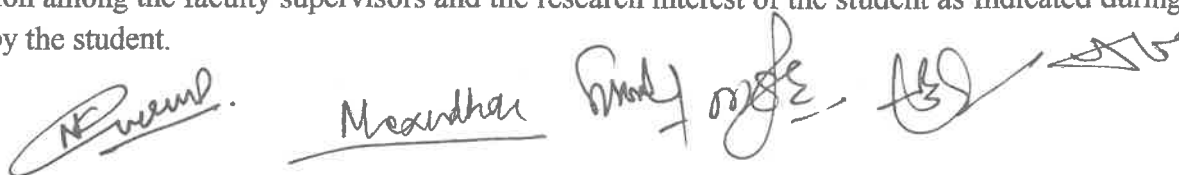
- (c) A candidate shall ordinarily be permitted to work for Ph.D. degree in the subject in which he/she has obtained his/her post-graduate degree.

Provided that research work leading to Ph.D. degree may be encouraged in allied subjects of interdisciplinary nature of the same faculty or of allied faculties. In such cases the candidate may also be permitted to work under one or two co-supervisors, along with the supervisor of the University.

7. Procedure for Registration/Enrollment

An eligible candidate (refer Clause-3) must apply for registration for Ph.D. degree of his/her subject on the prescribed form obtainable on payment of prescribed fee. The application shall be considered by the DRC of the concerned Schools/Departments/Affiliated Colleges.

The DRC will allocate the supervisor, with the mutual consent of the candidate and the supervisor, for an eligible candidate depending on the number of students per faculty member, the available specialization among the faculty supervisors and the research interest of the student as indicated during interview by the student.



All eligible candidates except in clause 4(d) shall be required to undertake course work for a minimum period of one semester (refer 4(a)). The course content shall be designed by the Board of Studies (BoS) of the concerned subject. The course work may also involve reviewing of published research in the relevant field.

On the recommendation of the Supervisor, the course work may be carried out by the candidates in sister schools/ departments/ institutes either within or outside the University.

The candidate shall be evaluated at the end of the semester. If the candidate is not able to pass the course with 55% marks, the candidate shall be allowed to reappear at the examinations within the next 12 months. The respective DRC will conduct the evaluation at the institutional/ departmental level.

While granting provisional admission to candidates to Ph.D. programme the DRC will pay due attention to the National/ State reservation policy.

The candidates shall have to pay fees as decided by the University from time to time. Provided that the teachers of the University and Teachers under the UGC teacher fellowship scheme or any other scheme will not be required to pay the fees, except the registration fee and six-monthly progress report fee. The teachers of the other Universities shall be required to pay the library and/or laboratory caution money.

8. Allocation of Research Supervisor- Eligibility criteria to be a Research Supervisor, Co-Supervisor, Number of Ph.D. scholars permissible per supervisor, etc.

(a) Permanent faculty members working as Professor/Associate Professor of the University with a Ph.D., and at least five research publications in peer-reviewed or refereed journals and permanent faculty members working as Assistant Professors in University with a Ph.D., and at least three research publications in peer-reviewed or refereed journals may be recognized as a Research Supervisor in the University.

If the faculty member is employed in its affiliated Post-Graduate Colleges/Institutes, such recognized research supervisors cannot supervise research scholars in other institutions, where they can only act as co-supervisors. Ph.D. awarded by a University under the supervision of a faculty member who is not an employee of the University or its affiliated Post-Graduate Colleges/Institutes would be in violation of these Ordinance.

For Ph.D. scholars working in Central government/State government research institutions whose degrees are given by University, the scientists in such research institutions who are equivalent to Professor/Associate Professor/Assistant Professor can be recognized as supervisors if they fulfill the above requirements.

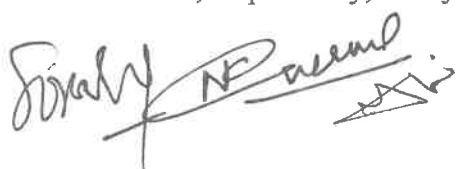
Provided that in areas/disciplines where there is no, or only a limited number of peer-reviewed or refereed journals, the University may relax the above condition for recognition of a person as Research Supervisor with reasons recorded in writing.

Co-Supervisors from within the same department or other departments of the same institution or other institutions may be permitted with the approval of the competent authority.

Adjunct Faculty members shall not act as Research Supervisors and can only act as co-supervisors.

(b) In case of interdisciplinary /multidisciplinary research work, if required, a Co-supervisor from outside the Department / School/ Centre/ College/ University may be appointed.

(c) An eligible Professor/Associate Professor/Assistant Professor can guide up to eight (8)/six (6) /four (4) Ph.D. scholars, respectively, at any given time.









- (d) In case of relocation of a female Ph.D. scholar due to marriage or otherwise, there research data shall be allowed to be transferred to the University to which the scholar intends to relocate, provided all the other conditions in the Ordinance are followed, and the research work does not pertain to a project sanctioned to the parent Institution/Supervisor by any funding agency. Such scholar shall, however, give due credit to the parent institution and the supervisor for the part of research already undertaken.
- (e) Faculty members with less than three years of service before superannuation shall not be allowed to take new research scholars under the University supervision. However, such faculty members can continue to supervise Ph.D. scholars who are already registered until superannuation and as a co-supervisor after superannuation, but not after attaining the age of 70 years.
- (f) At any point, the total number of Ph.D. scholars under a faculty member, either as a supervisor or a co-supervisor, shall not exceed the number prescribed in clause 8.(c).
- (g) A candidate shall pursue his/her research at the institution from where his/her application form has been forwarded under Clause 3 of the Ordinance.

Provided that a candidate permitted to work in a research establishment* recognized by the University shall be required to take at least one co-supervisor along with the supervisor; one of them should be the teacher of the University and the other a Teacher/ Scientist/ Research Officer/ Director of the Institution where the candidate is actually working.

*Includes Institutions and Laboratories run and sponsored by the Union /State Governments or its agencies; and Foreign University/Institution of repute.

Provided also a candidate may be permitted to carry out his/her research/ practical work in a Research Institution/ Research Laboratory/Laboratory of a University recognized by the University for the purpose under the supervision of a Scientist/Director/Teacher of the Institution who may or may not be the co- supervisor of the candidate.

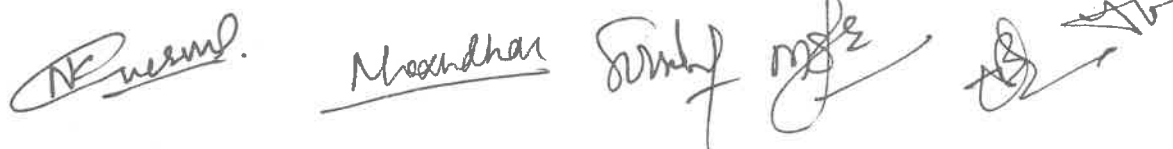
9. Admission of International students in Ph.D. programme-

- (a) Each supervisor can guide up to two international research scholars on a supernumerary basis over and above the permitted number of Ph.D. scholars as specified in clause 8(c) above.
- (b) The University may decide the University own selection procedure for Ph.D. admission of international students keeping in view the guidelines/norms in this regard issued by Statutory/Regulatory bodies concerned from time to time.

10. Duration of the Programme-

- (a) Ph.D. Programme shall be for a minimum duration of three (3) years, including course work, and a maximum duration of six (6) years from the date of admission to the Ph.D. programme.
- (b) A maximum of an additional two (2) years can be given through a process of re-registration as per the Statute/Ordinance of the University concerned; provided, however, that the total period for completion of a Ph.D. programme should not exceed eight (8) years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. programme.

Provided further that, female Ph.D. scholars and Persons with Disabilities (having more than 40% disability) may be allowed an additional relaxation of two (2) years; however, the total period for



completion of a Ph.D. programme in such cases should not exceed ten (10) years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. programme.

- (c) Female Ph.D. Scholars may be provided Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave for up to 240 days in the entire duration of the Ph.D. programme.

11. Change of Supervisor

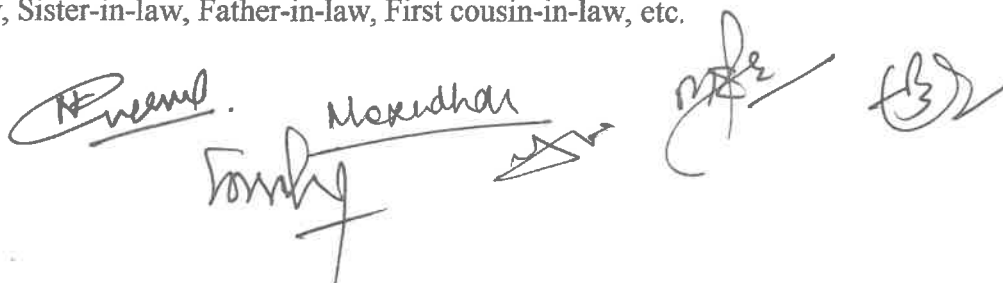
The candidate may be allowed to change the Supervisor by the Kulapati, on the recommendation of the DRC or committee constituted by the Kulapati for this purpose under special circumstances. No major change in the topic of research will be permitted due to change in supervisor.

12. Six Monthly Progress Report

- (a) Each semester, a Ph.D. scholar shall appear before the DRC to make a presentation and submit a brief report on the progress of his/her work (**Appendix-2**) for evaluation and further guidance. The DRC shall submit its recommendations along with a copy of Ph.D. scholar's progress report to the University concerned. A copy of such recommendations shall also be provided to the Ph.D. scholar.
- (b) In case the progress of the Ph.D. scholar is unsatisfactory, the DRC shall record the reasons for the same and suggest corrective measures. If the Ph.D. scholar fails to implement these corrective measures, the DRC may recommend, with specific reasons, the cancellation of the registration of the Ph.D. scholar from the Ph.D. programme.
- (c) If the progress of work is not found satisfactory in two successive reports or no reports are received for a period of one year and the candidate fails to deposit the prescribed fees, the Kulapati may order the removal of the name of the scholar from the list of those registered for the Ph.D. degree.

13. Submission of Summary of Thesis

- (a) Prior to submission of the thesis, the candidate shall make a Pre-Ph.D. presentation before the DRC that may be open to all faculty members and research students, for getting feedback and comments, which may be suitably incorporated into the draft thesis under the advice of the supervisor.
- (b) The candidate shall submit six copies of the summary of the thesis together with at least one (1) research paper in refereed journal and make two paper presentations in conferences/seminars before the submission of the thesis for adjudication, and produce evidence for the same in the form of presentation of certificates and/or reprints through his/her Supervisor to the Registrar about two months prior to the anticipated date of submission of thesis.
- (c) The supervisor shall submit a panel of at least six names of examiners actively engaged in the concerned area of research not below the rank of Associate Professors/ College Professor in a sealed cover to the Registrar. Provided that the panel of examiners shall be obtained from the Chairman, Board of Studies of the Subject concerned, in case the candidate is related to the supervisor.
- (d) On the receipt of the panel of examiners from the supervisor and summary from the candidate, the Registrar shall call a meeting of Examination Committee of the subject constituted U/S 44 of the Adhiniyam. The committee considering the panel submitted by the Supervisor/ Chairman, Board of Studies, will prepare a panel of six names to act as examiners.
- (e) THE TERM RELATIONS SHALL INCLUDE: Father, Mother, Wife, Husband, Daughter, Son, Grand Son, Grand Daughter, Brother, Sister, Nephew, Niece, Grand Nephew/Niece, Uncle, Aunt, Son-in-law, Sister-in-law, Father-in-law, First cousin-in-law, etc.

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14. The candidate shall submit three bound copies of his/her thesis along with the following:

- (a) The candidate must append reprint of the published paper (Ref.13.(b)) or acceptance letter and certificate of presentation of the papers in Symposium/Conference/ Seminar.
- (b) The thesis must be accompanied by a declaration from the candidate that the thesis embodies his/her own work and he/she has worked under the Supervisor at the approved place of work for the required period as per provisions of Clause 13 of Ordinance (**Appendix-3**).
- (c) The certificate from the Supervisor together with Co-supervisors, if any, that the thesis fulfills the requirements of the Ordinance relating to the Ph.D. degree of the University (**Appendix-4**).
- (d) The candidate shall also remit the prescribed examination fee with the thesis.
- (e) Submission of Electronic copy of the Thesis is mandatory at the time of submission of the Ph.D. thesis (**Appendix-5**). The University shall submit a soft copy to the UGC within a period of 30 days after the award of the degree, for hosting the same in INFLIBNET, accessible to all Institutions /Universities.
- (f) The candidate will submit a declaration that the thesis is free from plagiarism or produce a certificate from the institutional plagiarism cell to that effect (**Appendix-6**).

15. Evaluation and Assessment Methods, minimum standards / credits for award of the degree, etc.-

- (a) Upon satisfactory completion of course work and obtaining the marks / grade prescribed in clause (5) above, the Ph.D. scholar shall be required to undertake research work and produce a draft dissertation/thesis.
- (b) Before submitting the thesis, the Ph.D. scholar shall make a presentation before the DRC of the University concerned, which shall also be open to all faculty members and other research scholars/students.
- (c) The University concerned shall have a mechanism using well-developed software applications to detect Plagiarism in research work and their search integrity shall be an integral part of all the research activities leading to the award of a Ph.D. degree.
- (d) A Ph.D. scholar shall submit the thesis for evaluation, along with (a) an undertaking from the Ph.D. scholar that there is no plagiarism and (b) a certificate from the Research Supervisor attesting to the originality of the thesis and that the thesis has not been submitted for the award of any other degree/ diploma to any other University.
- (e) The Ph.D. thesis submitted by a Ph.D. scholar shall be evaluated by his/her Research Supervisor and at least two external examiners who are experts in the field and not in employment of the University concerned. Such examiner(s) should be academics with a good record of scholarly publications in the field. Whenever possible, one of the external examiners should be chosen from outside India. The viva-voce board shall consist of the Research Supervisor and at least one of the two external examiners and may be conducted online. The viva-voce shall be open to the members of the faculty members / research scholars, and students. University may formulate appropriate rules/ordinances to effect the provisions of this Ordinance.
- (f) The viva-voce of the Ph.D. scholar to defend the thesis shall be conducted if both the external examiners recommend acceptance of the thesis after incorporating any corrections suggested by them. If one of the external examiners recommends rejection, the University concerned shall send the thesis to an alternate external examiner from the approved panel of examiners, and the viva-voce examination shall be held only if the alternate examiner recommends acceptance of the thesis. If the alternate examiner does not recommend acceptance of the thesis, the thesis shall be rejected, and the Ph.D. scholar shall be declared not eligible for the award of a Ph.D.
- (g) The University concerned shall complete the entire process of evaluating a Ph.D. thesis, including the declaration of the viva-voce result, within a period of six (6) months from the date of submission of the thesis.
- (h) After the viva-voce, the recommendation by the examiners shall be put on to the Executive Council for the award of Ph.D. Degree to the candidate. One copy of the thesis will be kept in the University Library and another copy will be kept in the Departmental Library of the Institution where the research work was carried out; the third will be returned to the Supervisor.

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16. Academic, research, administrative, and infrastructure requirements to be fulfilled by Colleges for getting recognition for offering Ph.D. programmes-

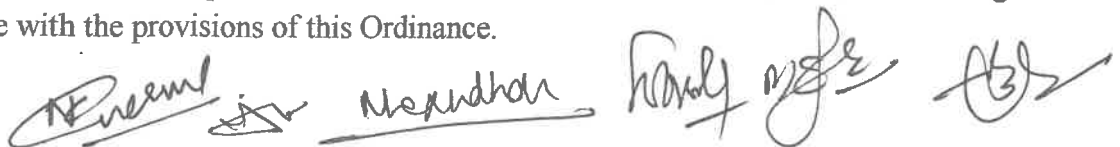
- (a) Post-graduate Colleges offering 4-year Undergraduate Programmes and / or Post-graduate Programmes, may offer Ph.D. programmes, provided they satisfy the availability of eligible Research Supervisors, required infrastructure, and supporting administrative and research facilities as per this Ordinance.
- (b) Colleges and research institutions established by the central government or a State government whose degrees are awarded by University shall offer Ph.D. programmes provided they have:
 - i. At least two faculty members in a college or two Ph.D. - qualified scientists in the research institution.
 - ii. Adequate infrastructure, administrative support, research facilities and library resources as specified by the UNIVERSITY.

17. Ph.D. through Part-time Mode-

- (a) Ph.D. programmes through part-time mode will be permitted, provided all the conditions stipulated in this Ordinance are fulfilled.
- (b) The University concerned shall obtain a "No Objection Certificate" through the candidate for a part-time Ph.D. programme from the appropriate authority in the organization where the candidate is employed, clearly stating that:
 - i. The candidate is permitted to pursue studies on a part-time basis.
 - ii. His/her official duties permit him/her to devote sufficient time for research.
 - iii. If required, he / she will be relieved from the duty to complete the course work.
- (c) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Ordinance or any other law, for the time being in force, no University or research institution of the Central Government or a State Government shall conduct Ph.D. programmes through distance and / or online mode.

18. Grant of M. Phil. Degree-University shall not offer the M.Phil. (Master of Philosophy) programme.

- 19. Issuing a Provisional certificate-** Prior to the actual award of the Ph.D. degree, the degree-awarding University shall issue a provisional certificate to the effect that the Ph.D. is being awarded in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.



20. Award of Ph.D. degrees prior to Notification of this Ordinance- Award of degrees to candidates registered for the Ph.D. programme on or after July 11, 2009, till the date of Notification of these Regulations shall be governed by the provisions of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil. / Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2009 or the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil. /Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016 as the case may be. Further, the award of degrees to candidates already registered and pursuing Ph.D. shall be governed by these Regulations or UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil. /Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2016. Nothing in this Ordinance shall impact the M.Phil. degree programmes commencing prior to the enactment of this Ordinance.

21. Depository with INFLIBNET- Following the successful completion of the evaluation process and before the announcement of the award of the Ph.D. degree(s), the University concerned shall submit an electronic copy of the Ph.D. thesis to INFLIBNET, for hosting the same so as to make it accessible to all the University and research institutions.



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