



GANGADHAR MEHER UNIVERSITY
AMRUTA VIHAR, SAMBALPUR

REGULATIONS OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (Ph.D.)

(Effective from 27.02.2024 as approved by Regulation Committee at its Meeting held on 27.02.2024, Academic Council, G.M. University, Sambalpur at its Meeting held on 01.03.2024 and Syndicate. G.M. University, Sambalpur at its meeting held on 04.03.2024).

Preamble: -

1. These regulations govern the conditions for admission, registration, re-registration, progress, evaluation and award of Ph.D. Degree as per UGC Regulations 2022 and will be applicable to the scholars admitted after 27.02.2024.

2. All the academic matters related to Ph.D. Degree shall be processed by a Subject Research Committee (hereafter, SRC) consisting of the following: -

(i) Head of the School/Department (Chairperson).

(ii) All Teachers of the School/Department who are recognized Research Supervisors.

(iii) There should be at least three members, including the Chairperson of the SRC.

(iv) In case the number of recognized Supervisors is less than three in any School/Department, the Vice Chancellor shall nominate the required members from other/related School/Department.

(v) The quorum will be 50% of the total number of members of the Committee.

3. **Admission: -**

3.1 Notification: -

The Chairman, P.G. Council shall issue notification for admission into Ph.D. Programme well in advance on the institution website specifying the number of vacancies available in each subject, criteria for admission, the procedure for admission and all other relevant information for the candidates.

3.2 Eligibility Criteria for admission into Ph.D. Programme: -

The following are eligible to seek admission to the Ph.D. Programme: -

3.2.1 Candidates who have completed 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/6-semester 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/Differently abled and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

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 may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/Differently abled and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

3.2.2 Candidates who have completed the M.Phil. Programme with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in appoint 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 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/Differently abled and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

3.3 Procedure for Admission: -

The admission shall be based on the criteria notified by the institution keeping in view the guidelines/norms in this regard issued by UGC and other statutory/regulatory bodies concerned and taking into account the reservation policy of the Central/State Government from time to time as applicable.

Admission to Ph.D. Programme shall be made by using the following procedure: -

3.3.1 The eligible candidates will have to appear at an Entrance Test to be conducted by the P.G. Council of the University as per the website notification and schedule followed by interview for selection.

(i) The syllabus of the Entrance Test shall consist of 50% Research Methodology and 50% shall be subject specific.

(ii) Candidates who have secured 50% of marks in the Entrance Test are eligible to be called for the interview.

(iii) A relaxation of 5% of marks will be allowed in the Entrance Test for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/Differently abled category and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time and as per State Government Reservation Rules.

The list of successful candidates who have secured requisite marks in the Entrance Test will be displayed in the University website.

However, the following categories of candidates shall be exempted from appearing the Entrance Test.

(i) Candidates who have qualified in UGC-NET/CSIR-NET/GATE/CEED or any other national level examinations conducted by UGC, ICAR, ICMR, CSIR, ICSSR and other such national bodies.

(ii) Candidates who have passed M.Phil./M.Tech./M.E. from this University or from any other University/Institute recognized by Govt. of India/UGC provided their admission into M.Phil./M.Tech./M.E. Programme has been through an Entrance Examination and they have passed the examination with Research Methodology as a paper.

3.3.2 Interview/Viva-Voce Examination: -

(i) Candidates securing the minimum qualifying marks of the Entrance Test and the candidates who have been exempted from the written test shall be declared by P.G. Council Office of the University for appearing the interview/viva-voce examination.

(ii) The list of such candidates for interview/viva-voce along with their required academic records shall be sent by the Academic Section to the respective Schools.

(iii) A duly constituted Committee shall take the interview/viva-voce of the candidates at their respective School.

(iv) The final merit list of successful candidates shall be prepared by assigning weightage of 70% to the Entrance Test and 30% to the performance in the interview/viva-voce.

(v) A candidate has to secure at least 50% of total marks of interview/viva-voce examination.

(vi) While preparing the merit list, the State Level Reservation Policy shall be applicable.

3.3.3 Admission/Enrollment: -

(i) Intimation for admission to the successful candidates as per the merit list shall be sent by P.G. Council Office and the candidates have to take admission at the respective School by paying the prescribed fees and submitting other required documents on the due date of admission.

(ii) The Chairman, P.G. Council shall send the list of candidates admitted into Ph.D. Programme to the concerned School and COE Section.

4. Course Work: -

The SRC shall prepare two lists of admitted candidates and issue a notification to the effect. The two lists would be

4.1 Candidates who shall be exempted from the Course Work.

4.1.1 The candidates who have passed M.Phil./M.Tech./M.D./M.S. in the same subject of Ph.D. Programme from this University or from any other University/Institute recognized by UGC with Research Methodology as a paper and their admission into M.Phil./M.Tech./M.D./M.S. Programme had been through an entrance test shall be exempted from Course Work.

4.2 Candidates who shall undergo the Course Work.

4.2.1 All other candidates except in Clause 4.1.1 shall be required to undertake the Course Work for a minimum period of one semester.

4.2.2 Besides the above minimum one semester Course Work for candidates included in Clause 4.2.1, any candidates even of exempted category, if so desires or being advised by the concerned SRC may register in any semester(s) before submission of the Ph.D. Thesis to undertake any other course in his/her Research Centre or any other centre which would help him/her to pursue the Ph.D. work.

Before submission of the Thesis and on request by such candidates, the COE Section of University shall issue a grade sheet indicating the title of the course(s) undertaken and the Grade Point and Grade secured during the Ph.D. Programme.

4.2.3 The credit requirement for the Ph.D. Course Work is a minimum of 12 credits including a "Research and Publication Ethics" as notified by UGC vide D.O. No. F-1-1/2018(Journal/CARE) in 2019 and a research methodology course. The UGC recognized online courses can be considered as a part of the credit requirements for the Ph.D. Programme.

4.2.4 A Ph.D. candidate shall have to attend 75% of the classes of Course Work and in exceptional cases, the University may consider the deficiency of attendance to the extent of 15% on the grounds of: -

(i) Participation in sports and games as University delegate

(ii) Attending advance academic training deputed by the University with Supervisor's recommendation

(iii) Serious illness

These shall be supported by documentary evidences and recommendations of SRC.

4.2.5 All Ph.D. candidates irrespective of discipline shall be required to train in teaching/education/pedagogy/writing related to their chosen Ph.D. subject during their doctoral period. They may also be assigned 4-6 hours per week of teaching/research assistantship for conducting tutorial or laboratory work and evaluations.

4.3 Course Work Examination: -

4.3.1 All courses prescribed for Ph.D. Course Work, credit requirements, number of papers, duration, examination pattern, minimum standards for completion etc. shall be in conformity with the institutional requirements. These shall be duly approved by the authorized academic bodies.

4.3.2 There shall be one Internal Assessment and one End-term Examination.

4.3.3 The Internal Assessment for each theory paper shall carry 20% of weightage of total marks of that paper.

4.3.4 The End-Term Examination in each theory paper shall carry 80% of weightage of total marks of that paper and shall be of 3 hours duration.

4.3.5 The performance of the candidate both in the Internal Assessment and the End-term Examination shall be taken into account together for calculation of Grade Point (GP) for each paper.

4.3.6 The percentage of marks secured by the scholar in a particular paper shall be converted to Grade Point and Grade in the manner specified in the following table: -

% of Marks	Grade Point	Grade	% of Marks	Grade Point	Grade
> = 90	10	E	> = 50 - < 60	6	B
> = 80 - < 90	9	A+	> = 40 - < 50	5	C+
> = 70 - < 80	8	A	< 40	0	F
> = 60 - < 70	7	B+			

4.3.7 The Calculation of Grade Point Average (GPA) will be calculated as per the following procedure.

$$\text{GPA} = \frac{\text{Summation of (GP in a Course X CH in that Course)}}{\text{Total credit hours in a semester}}$$

4.3.8 A Ph.D. Scholar must obtain a minimum of 55% marks or its equivalent grade (B-Grade) in the UGC 10 Point Scale in the Course Work to be eligible for registration into Ph.D. Programme.

4.3.9 A candidate who secures less than 55% of marks may appear at the Back Paper Examination in the next two chances from his/her first admission into Ph.D. Programme failing which the admission will be cancelled.

4.3.10 On the basis of the Ph.D. Course Work Examination result published by COE, the Chairperson, SRC shall issue the Course Work Completion Certificate to the successful candidates. The Chairperson, SRC shall also issue Course Work Exemption Certificate in the prescribed format for those scholars who are exempted from Course Work Examination.

5. Registration: -

The registration of admitted scholars will be made through the following procedure: -

5.1 Allocation of Supervisor: -

The allocation of Research Supervisor shall be decided through mutual discussion with the candidate by the Subject Research Committee (SRC) within 30 days from the date of admission into the Ph.D. Programme. The SRC will provide a designated Supervisor to

each candidate and the candidates will evolve their research problem through mutual discussion with the designated Supervisor.

5.2 Eligibility of Supervisor/Co-supervisor: -

The following categories of persons may be declared eligible to become Supervisor/Co-supervisor by the University.

5.2.1 Permanent faculty members working as Professor/Associate Professor of the Higher Educational Institution 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 Higher Educational Institutions 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 where the faculty member is employed. Such recognized Research Supervisors cannot supervise Research Scholars in other institutions, where they can only act as Co-supervisors.

For Ph.D. Scholars working in Central/State Government Research Institutions whose degrees are given by Higher Educational Institutions, 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 Higher Educational Institution 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.

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

5.2.3 In case of relocation of a female Ph.D. Scholar due to marriage or otherwise, the research data shall be allowed to be transferred to the Higher Educational Institution to which the Scholar intends to relocate, provided all the other conditions in these regulations are followed and the research work does not pertain to 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.

5.2.4 Faculty members with less than three years of service before superannuation shall not be allowed to take new Research Scholars under their 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.

5.2.5 Faculty members leaving the University on transfer/resignation/lien and continuing in any other academic institutions within the State/Central University can continue to supervise the Ph.D. Scholars who are already registered under him/her for 5 years or until all the scholars submit their thesis whichever is earlier. If required, an eligible Supervisor from the School will act as Co-supervisor for such scholars. The SRC shall allocate a Supervisor/Co-supervisor for such scholars depending upon the consent of such transferred/resigned/liened faculty whether to continue as Supervisor/Co-supervisor or quit.

5.2.6 The incumbent Vice Chancellors, if they are eligible Supervisors in their parent institution will continue their status as Ph.D. Guide in that institution where they are appointed as Vice Chancellor.

5.2.7 For recognition as Supervisor/Co-supervisor, the application has to be duly recommended by the respective SRC to be placed before Vice Chancellor by COE.

5.3 Appointment of Co-supervisor: -

The appointment of Co-supervisor shall be made within one year from the date of registration of the scholar and he/she shall have the requisite qualification of a Supervisor as per UGC Regulations, 2022.

5.4 Change of Supervisor: -

The Scholar may be allowed to change the Supervisor only under special circumstances on the recommendations of the SRC. If required, a Committee shall be constituted for this purpose by the Vice Chancellor.

5.5 The COE shall furnish a list of the recognized Supervisors and Co-supervisors in every subject to all the Schools and Chairman, P.G. Council on annual basis preferably by the end of March every year. A copy of the same will be posted on the University website. The Chairman, P.G. Council shall ascertain the vacancy position from the respective SRC and notify accordingly for admission.

5.6 Limits of Supervisors: -

5.6.1 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. The above number of scholars is the maximum limit which includes both Supervision and Co-supervision taken together.

5.6.2 Provided that 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 5.6.1 above.

5.7 Registration Procedure: -

The registration of scholars shall be done in the subject in which the candidate is admitted into the Ph.D. Programme through the following procedure.

5.7.1 Before registration of Ph.D. Scholars, a Research Advisory Committee (RAC) would be formed by SRC for each candidate. The Committee shall have the following responsibilities.

(i) To review the research proposal and finalize the topic of research.

(ii) To guide the Ph.D. Scholar in developing the study design and methodology of research and identify the course(s) that he/she may have to do.

(iii) To periodically review and assist in the progress of the research work of the Ph.D. Scholar.

5.7.2 The RAC will be constituted with the Research Supervisor as the Convener and two experts/advisors in the same area of research nominated by the Supervisor comprising of one internal member from the University and one from outside the University. The expenditure relating to the sitting fee, TA and DA of the external member will be borne by the University as per rules.

5.7.3 The Ph.D. Scholars exempted from the Course Work should submit the synopsis recommended by RAC before SRC within three months from the date of allotment of Supervisor.

The Ph.D. Scholars undergoing Course Work should submit the synopsis recommended by RAC within three months after the completion of Course Work Examination.

5.7.4 A Ph.D. Scholar shall appear before the RAC to make a presentation and submit a brief report on the progress of his/her work for evaluation and further guidance in each semester. The RAC shall submit its recommendations along with a copy of Ph.D. Scholar's progress report to SRC which in turn submit such recommendations of all Ph.D. Scholars of the School to COE. A copy of such recommendations shall also be provided to the Ph.D. Scholar.

5.7.5 In case the progress of the Ph.D. Scholar is unsatisfactory, the RAC shall record the reasons for the same and suggest corrective measures. If the Ph.D. Scholar fails to implement these corrective measures, the RAC may recommend with specific reasons the cancellation of registration of the Ph.D. Scholar from the Ph.D. Programme.

5.7.6 The synopsis submitted by a scholar shall be reviewed by SRC for modification and necessary correction, if any. The proceedings of the SRC Meeting with the final synopsis and application form of Ph.D. Scholar should be forwarded by the Chairperson, SRC to the COE within seven days from the Meeting of SRC.

5.7.7 On receipt of such proposals, the COE shall place these synopsis before Vice Chancellor (VC) for final approval.

5.7.8 After receiving the approval of VC and required documents along with the filled in application and registration fee, COE will issue Registration Letter to Ph.D. Scholar within seven days from the date of receipt of documents. The effective date of registration of a candidate shall be the date of his/her admission to Ph.D. Programme.

5.7.9 The COE shall maintain a list of Ph.D. Supervisors (specifying the name of Supervisor, his/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 institution and update this list every academic year.

5.7.10 The title of the research proposal so approved by the University shall be adhered to while submitting the final thesis by the candidate. However, the candidate shall be allowed only one chance to make correction in the title of the thesis at least six (6) months before submission of Ph.D. Thesis. The modifications/corrections should be recommended by RAC & SRC and approved by Vice Chancellor.

5.8 Tenure of Registration/Duration of the Programme: -

5.8.1 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.

5.8.2 A maximum of an additional two (2) years can be given through a process of re-registration as per the Statute/Ordinance of the Higher Educational Institution 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.

5.8.3 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.

5.8.4 Ph.D. Scholar shall put in at least 200 days of attendance excluding the attendance earned during the Course Work in the research centre and shall be certified by Supervisor and/or Co-supervisor.

5.9 Re-registration: -

The registration shall automatically lapse after a period of six years from the effective date of registration unless requested by the candidate and duly recommended by his/her Research Advisory Committee (RAC) and Subject Research Committee (SRC) at least 3 months before the lapse of the tenure.

5.9.1 However, on recommendation by RAC and SRC, the registration tenure may be extended by two more years by Vice Chancellor/Syndicate on payment of prescribed fees of Rs.7000/-. Women candidates and Persons with Disabilities (having more than 40% disability) are exempted from the re-registration fees.

Provided further that the women candidates and persons with disabilities (having more than 40% disability) shall have to pay the re-registration fee of Rs.7000/- at the time of additional relaxation of last two years.

5.9.2 The topic of research and Supervisor shall not be changed at the time of re-registration. In exceptional cases, the change in topic and/or Supervisor must be recommended by RAC & SRC and approved by Vice Chancellor.

5.10 Annual Renewal of Registration: -

All the registered Ph.D. Scholars shall renew their registration annually at the beginning of each academic session by depositing the required fees till the submission of their Ph.D. Thesis.

5.11 Cancellation of Registration: -

The Ph.D. registration of a candidate may be cancelled on the recommendation of his/her RAC or due to lapse of registration tenure or due to non-renewal of enrollment in an academic year. The University may also cancel the registration of a candidate at any time in case the conduct of the candidate is found not satisfactory during research tenure or in the event of disciplinary proceedings against him/her by the University or non clearance of University dues in time.

6. Submission of Thesis: -

The Ph.D. Scholars shall be required to undertake research work including course work for minimum period of three years after which he/she can submit the thesis.

Before submitting the thesis, the Ph.D. Scholar shall follow the following procedure: -

6.1 Pre-Ph.D. Presentation: -

At any time after 3 years from the date of registration to Ph.D. Programme the Scholar can apply for a Pre Ph.D. Presentation to COE. Then, the Scholar shall make the presentation before RAC on the date as fixed by COE which shall be open to the members of SRC, other faculty members and other research scholars/students for getting feedback and comments which can be suitably incorporated into the draft thesis under the advice of the RAC.

6.1.1 The Scholar shall submit his/her Thesis within three months of Pre Ph.D. Presentation failing which he/she shall be required to make another Pre Ph.D. Presentation.

6.2 Requirements for Final Thesis Submission: -

A Ph.D. Scholar shall submit the thesis for evaluation along with the following certificates/documents.

- (i) Four hard copies of thesis.
- (ii) Four hard copies of the summary of thesis.

- (iii) An electronic copy of full thesis, summary and chapters of the thesis (PDF Format).
- (iv) Evidence of publication of one research paper/evidence of acceptance for publication based on his/her thesis work in Scopus/UGC Care/Peer reviewed journal out of the list as notified by UGC from time to time and to be appended at the end of thesis.
- (v) 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.
- (vi) A Certificate from the Supervisor together with Co-supervisor, if any, that the thesis fulfills the requirement of the regulations relating to the Ph.D. degree of the University and 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 Higher Educational Institution.
- (vii) An undertaking from the Ph.D. Scholar that there is no plagiarism and/or a certificate from the Institutional Plagiarism Cell to this effect.
- (viii) A Certificate of copyright transfer approval.
- (ix) A Course Work Certificate or Course Work Exemption Certificate issued by Chairman, SRC.
- (x) The Pre Ph.D. Presentation Certificate issued by Chairman, SRC.
- (xi) A Clearance Certificate from Institutional Ethics Committee, if any.
- (xii) A No Dues Certificate from School, PGC Office, Library, Hostel, Account Section etc.
- (xiii) Thesis submission fee as specified by University.
- (xiv) Evidences of the participation in seminars (at least two) to be appended at the end of the thesis.

6.2.1 The Scholar and Supervisor can apply for a thesis submission certificate after submission of the thesis by the Scholar with all necessary documents.

7. Evaluation of Thesis: -

7.1 The Ph.D. Thesis submitted by a Ph.D. Scholar shall be evaluated by his/her Research Supervisor and two External Examiners selected by Vice Chancellor.

7.2 The Supervisor of the Ph.D. Scholar shall submit a panel of ten names of examiners actively engaged in concerned area of research in a sealed cover to COE. Such examiners should be academics with a good record of scholarly publications in the field.

Provided that the panel of examiners shall be obtained from the Chairman, SRC in case the candidate is related to Supervisor.

7.3 The term relation shall include Father, Mother, Wife, Husband, Daughter, Son, Grandson, Granddaughter, Brother, Sister, Nephew, Niece, Grand nephew, Grand niece, Uncle, Aunt, Son-in-law, Daughter-in-law, Brother-in-law, Sister-in-law, Father-in-law, Mother-in-law, First cousin etc.

7.4 The COE shall submit the panel of examiners before Vice Chancellor for selection of two External Examiners as proposed by the Supervisor.

7.5 The selection of examiners for evaluation of thesis shall be finalized by COE after Pre Ph.D. Presentation and before submission of final thesis by the Scholar.

7.6 Dispatch of Thesis: -

7.6.1 The Ph.D. Thesis shall be dispatched to the examiners within a maximum of 10 days from the receipt documents completed in all respects along with the hard copy and soft copy of the thesis from the Scholar duly forwarded by Supervisor and Chairman, SRC.

7.6.2 The consent letters from all the examiners shall be procured by the Office of the COE in advance within one month of the list being submitted. Communication should be made through email.

7.6.3 A maximum of six weeks may be given to the examiners for the evaluation of the thesis, follow up action may be initiated after 30 days from the date of dispatch of the thesis to the examiners. In case of non-compliance beyond 45 days, correspondence with the 3rd examiner shall be initiated after obtaining approval from Vice Chancellor.

7.6.4 The examiners shall categorically recommend in the prescribed proforma about acceptance, revision or rejection of the thesis with detailed comments. The examiners must also give a list of the questions he/she wishes to be asked at the Viva-Voce Examination.

(a) In case both the External Examiners reject the thesis, it shall be rejected.

(b) If one External Examiner approves the thesis and the other rejects it, the thesis shall be sent to the third examiner drawn from the panel of the examiners by the Vice Chancellor. If the third examiner also does not recommend the acceptance of the thesis, the thesis shall be rejected.

(c) If both the External Examiners recommend for the revision of the thesis, the Scholar shall be called upon to revise the thesis and resubmit in the light of the observations of the examiners. In case the candidate is allowed to resubmit the thesis, he/she will have to pay the prescribed fee afresh at the time of resubmission.

(d) In case both the External Examiners accept the thesis or in the event of it being referred to the third examiner who also accepts the thesis, the candidate shall be called upon to appear at the Viva-Voce Examination before a Board of Examiners within 15 days.

8. Conduct of Viva-Voce Examination: -

8.1 The Viva-Voce Examination shall be an open forum and shall be conducted by a Board of Examiners consisting of the Research Supervisor, at least one of the two External Examiners and Chairman, SRC.

8.2 The Viva-Voce Examination shall be conducted either in online or in physical mode in their respective School or any place fixed by the University for the purpose. The examination will be chaired by the Chairperson, SRC and convened by the Supervisor of the Scholar.

8.3 The Viva-Voce Examination shall be open to the Members of RAC, SRC, Faculty Members, Research Scholars and Students.

8.4 The Viva-Voce Examination shall be notified well in advance by the Registrar and all the members of the board will be provided with a copy of the comments of the examiners by COE.

8.5 The Chairman of the Board of Examiners shall submit the result of Open Viva-Voce Examination in the prescribed form to the COE.

8.6 In case the Board of Examiners is not satisfied with the performance of the candidate in the Open Viva-Voce Examination, the board may recommend for reappearing in the Open Viva-Voce Examination after three months. Such candidates would be required to pay the prescribed additional fee for the second viva-voce.

9. Notification: -

9.1 If the recommendation of the board of Examiners is unanimous for the award of the Ph.D. degree to the candidate, the COE will notify the result within seven working days from the date of the Viva-Voce Examination after being approved by Vice Chancellor/Syndicate.

9.2 The entire process of award of Ph.D. degree starting from the date of thesis submission to the notification should be completed within 180 days.

9.3 Within one month of publication of result, a provisional certificate shall be issued to the candidate by the COE stating that the Ph.D. is being awarded in accordance with the provisions of UGC Regulations 2022.

9.4 Each successful candidate shall be conferred with the Ph.D. degree in the subsequent convocation.

9.5 After the declaration of result, the successful candidates may be provided with the copies of reports of examiners who recommended for the award of the degree on payment of prescribed fee. The reports will not disclose the identity of the examiners.

9.6 On detection of any irregularity at any point, the University shall take suitable steps to withdraw the degree as per rules of examination and the decision of Syndicate shall be final.

10. Depository with INFLIBNET: -

Following the successful completion of the evaluation process and after the announcement of the award of Ph.D. degree, the University 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 Higher Educational Institutions and Research Institutions.

11. Ph.D. through Part-time Mode: -

11.1 The Ph.D. Programme with part-time mode will be permitted provided all the conditions stipulated in this regulation are fulfilled.

11.2 The University shall obtain a "No Objection Certificate" through the candidate for a part-time Ph.D. Programme from the appropriate authority of 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.

11.3 The Ph.D. Programme cannot be conducted through distance and/or online mode.

12. Award of Ph.D. degree prior to notification of these regulations: -

Award of degrees to the 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. Degree) Regulations, 2016 as the case may be.

Further, the award of degrees to candidates admitted after 27.02.2024 and pursuing Ph.D. shall be governed by the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022 and the Ph.D. Regulations, 2024 of Gangadhar Meher University, Sambalpur.

Members of Ph.D. Regulation Committee: -

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