

**(Abstract)**

Modifications in the existing regulations and other guidelines related to thesis submission to speed up the evaluation process and open defence of Ph. D Programme- implemented Orders issued.

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**Research Directorate**

RD/B3/223/2021

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- Read:-(1) Item no 2021.126 of the minutes of the syndicate meeting held on 16/02/2021.  
(2) Minutes of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on CRLP held on 24/02/2021  
(3) Item no 2021.222 of the minutes of the Syndicate meeting held on 09/03/2021.  
(4) Email letter dated 23-6-2021 from the Convenor, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Course, Research and Publication.

**ORDER**

1. The Syndicate at the meeting held on 16-2-2021 vide item no 2021.126 considered the proposal for the modifications in the existing regulations to speed up the evaluation process and Open Defence of PhD programme suggested by the meeting of the Syndicate members, Director of the Research Directorate and the representatives of the Research Scholars held on 5-1-2020 and resolved to defer the proposal for a detailed study by the Standing Committee on Course, Research, Library & Publication.

2. As per paper read (3) above, the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Course, Research, Library & Publication discussed the proposal in detail and resolved to approve the proposal with modifications. The standing Committee also recommended to make necessary amendments in the PhD Regulations 2018 and other guidelines related to thesis submission to incorporate the recommended modifications.

3. The Syndicate at the meeting held on 09/03/2021 vide item no 2021.222 approved the minutes of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Course, Research, Library & Publication held on 24-2-2021.

4. As per the paper read as 4 above, the Convenor. Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Course, Research and Publication has communicated some corrections in the guidelines already recommended vide the minutes read as 2 above.

5. The syndicate resolution has been implemented. The Vice Chancellor has also approved the correction in the minutes communicated and recommended by the Convenor, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Course, Research and Publication subject to report to the Syndicate. Therefore, the following modifications in PhD Regulations and other Guidelines related to thesis submission to speed up evaluation process and open defence of PhD programme, as approved by the Vice Chancellor, is implemented subject to report to the Academic Council and the Syndicate.

i) All the Research Supervisors should submit a consent letter (hard copy/e-mail) of the experts included in the panel along with the panel of adjudicators. The confidential panel of examiners along with consent letters shall be submitted to the Director of Research at least two months prior to the submission of the final thesis.

ii) There must be a time bound action from the Directorate of Research for getting the panel approved by the Vice Chancellor and for sending the thesis for adjudication.

iii) The number of experts in the panel of adjudicators should be ten with maximum four from a state (excluding Languages such as Malayalam/Hindi/ Sanskrit/ Arabic/ Urdu/ Kannada).

iv). Ph.D thesis will be sent to three examiners among the five nominated by the Hon. Vice Chancellor from the panel of adjudicators submitted by the Supervisor.

v) The Open Defence seminar will be conducted on the basis of the first two recommended evaluation reports from the examiners. If any one of the reports is found not recommended, the report of the third adjudicator can be considered for the conduct of the Open Defence.

vi) The above modifications in the Ph.D regulations for thesis evaluation and conduct of Open Defence are applicable to all pending cases which registered for Ph.D Programme as per 2011 Regulations and applicable to the candidates registered as per 2018 Regulations.

vii) There is no minimum number of participants for Open Defence once the Open Defence has been notified as per rules.

viii) The date of implementation will be the date of notification of these amended rules irrespective of the date of registration of the candidate.

6.The PhD regulations concerned stand modified to this extent.

7..Orders are issued accordingly.

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