UNIVERSITY OF KERALA (Abstract)

Ph.D Research - Resuming Ph.D Research activities in the University of Kerala during post COVID-19 period - Guidelines to be followed - Sanctioned - Orders issued

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Dated: 13.05.2020

Read:-. 1. Letter dated 06.05.2020 forwarded by Dr. S Nazeeb, Convenor, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics & Research

2. Item No. A19 of the minutes of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics &Research held on 12.05.2020 as approved by the Vice-Chancellor subject to reporting to the Syndicate

ORDER

Dr. S Nazeeb , Convenor, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics & Research, vide paper read as (1) above, forwarded a letter regarding the urgent actions to be taken for resuming the research activities in the University during post COVID-19 period.

The meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics & Research held on 12.05.2020, vide paper read as (2) above, considered and discussed the above matter in detail, in the light of the guidelines issued by the Central & State Governments/ University for COVID-19 epidemic management. The following recommendations were made by the said committee:

- 1. Pre- Submission seminar and Open Defence for Ph.D programmes can be resumed restricting the number of persons attending and strictly following all the guidelines issued by the Government and University with respect to the COVID-19 epidemic management from time to time.
- 2. The HoD's are entrusted to conduct the Pre-submission seminar and Open defence of Ph.D programmes through online mode in the University department itself or in other departments of the University having the facilities for conducting the same.
- 3. If the supervision of the Chairman for Open Defence and Expert for Pre-submission seminar are availed through online mode, the HoD's shall make necessary arrangements to obtain the scanned copy of report of the Open defence / Pre-submission seminar and shall submit the same to the University with the signature of the Supervising teacher, HoD and the Dean concerned.
- 4. The restriction in the Ph.D guidelines with regard to the attendance of minimum number of persons for conducting the Pre-submission seminar and Open defence of Ph.D programmes shall be freezed for a stipulated period of time.
- 5. The conduct of Assessment committee for the upgradation of JRF to SRF in respect of various UGC Fellowship holders shall also be resumed strictly following all the guidelines issued by the Government and University with respect to the COVID-19 epidemic management. The HoD's of the department concerned are entrusted with the conduct of the same and if needed, the service of the external expert to the above committee can be obtained through online mode, provided the report regarding the recommendation of the expert is obtained online and the hard copy of the same duly signed by the Chairman of the Committee, Head of the Department, Research Supervisor and counter signed by the Registrar.
- 6. The above arrangements shall be initially for a period up to 31st July 2020 and shall be subject to the directions issued by the Government from time to time with regard to COVID management.

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the above recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics & Research in exercise of the provisions contained in section 10(13) of the Kerala University Act 1974.

Sanction has been accorded Vice-Chancellor to implement the above guidelines subject to the directions issued by the Government/University as a part of COVID 19 epidemic management.

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