

नवा रायपुर अटल नगर, दिनांक 2 जून 2026

अधिसूचना

क्रमांक GENS/8572/2026/38-2.— छत्तीसगढ़ निजी विश्वविद्यालय विनियामक आयोग, रायपुर के पत्र क्रमांक 775/पी.यू./07/ओ.एण्ड.एस./2015/23117 दिनांक 26-11-2025 द्वारा ओ.पी. जिंदल विश्वविद्यालय, रायगढ़ का संशोधित परिनियम क्रमांक 17(A) एवं अध्यादेश क्रमांक 5 का अनुमोदन छत्तीसगढ़ निजी विश्वविद्यालय (स्थापना एवं संचालन) अधिनियम, 2005 की धारा 27(5) एवं धारा 29(2) के तहत किया गया है।

2. राज्य शासन, एतद् द्वारा, उपरोक्त परिनियम एवं अध्यादेश को राजपत्र में अधिसूचित किये जाने की स्वीकृति प्रदान करता है।
3. उपरोक्त परिनियम एवं अध्यादेश राजपत्र में प्रकाशन की तिथि से प्रभावशील होंगे।

छत्तीसगढ़ के राज्यपाल के नाम से तथा आदेशानुसार,
मनोज कुमार मिश्रा, उप-सचिव.

Revised Ordinance No. : 05
O.P. JINDAL, UNIVERSITY
Ordinance for Award of Ph.D. Degree

(In consonance with the provisions of University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022)

1. Short Title and Commencement:

- 1.1 This Ordinance shall be called the Ordinance for Award of Ph.D. in the University.
- 1.2 This Ordinance shall be applicable from the date of its publication in the State Gazette.

2. Definitions. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires:

- i. **"Act"** means the Chhattisgarh Private Universities (Establishment and Operation) Act, 2005, as amended from time to time;
- ii. **"Adjunct Faculty"** means a part-time or contingent instructor, but not full-time faculty member hired to teach by the University;
- iii. **"Credit"** means the number of hours of instruction required per week over the duration of a semester. A three-credit course in a semester means three one-hour lectures per week, with each one-hour lecture counted as one credit;
- iv. **"Commission"** means the University Grants Commission (UGC) established under section 4 of the UGC Act, 1956;
- v. **"Degree"** means a degree awarded by a Higher Educational Institution in accordance with the provisions of section 22(3) of the UGC Act, 1956;
- vi. **"External examiner"** means an academic /researcher with published research work who is not part of the University where the Ph.D. scholar has registered for the Ph.D. programme;
- vii. **"Foreign Educational Institution"** means - (i) an institution duly established or incorporated in its home country and offering educational programmes at the undergraduate, postgraduate and higher levels in its home country and (ii) which offers programme(s) of study leading to the award of a degree through conventional face-to-face mode, but excluding distance, online, ODL mode;
- viii. **"Government"** means Government of Chhattisgarh;
- ix. **"Guide/Research Supervisor "** means an academician/researcher recognized by the University to supervise the Ph.D. scholar for his/her research;
- x. **"Higher Educational Institution"** means the Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) which are empowered to award degrees by themselves or through their affiliating Universities in accordance with Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956;
- xi. **"Interdisciplinary /Multidisciplinary Research"** means research conducted by the Ph.D. scholar in two or more academic disciplines;
- xii. **"Online Courses or Online Mode"** means the same as defined under the UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations 2020;
- xiii. **"Plagiarism"** means the practice of taking someone else's work or idea and passing them as one's own;
- xiv. **"Programme"** means a higher education programme pursued for a degree specified by the Commission under sub-section (3) of section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956;
- xv. **"Prospectus "** means any document, whether in print or otherwise, issued for providing fair and transparent information relating to the University and programmes, to the general public (including to those seeking admission in the University) by the University;
- xvi. **"Research Proposal"** means a brief write-up giving an outline of the proposed research work which the Ph.D. scholar shall submit along with the application for registration for Ph.D. programme;

- xvii. **"Semester"** means an academic session spread over of about 6 months of duration, the duration to be decided and declared by the University;
- xviii. **"University"** means O.P. JINDAL UNIVERSITY, RAIGARH (C.G.)

3. Award of Degree:

The degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) may be granted in all disciplines of the approved faculties in the University.

4. Eligibility criteria for admission to Ph.D. Program: The following shall be eligible to seek admission to the Ph.D. programme:

a. 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 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)/ Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Government 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/ OBC (non-creamy layer)/ Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the UGC/ Government 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)/ Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Government from time to time.

5. Duration of the Program:

- 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 provisions of this Ordinance; 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
- d. The Ph. D. Scholar on full time mode shall put at least 300 days attendance in research center and certified by the research supervisor and/ or co-Supervisor.

Provided the Ph. D Scholar on Part time mode have to spend minimum 30 contact day per semester till the thesis submission in the institution with the supervisor and/ or Co supervisor.

6. Departmental Research Committee (DRC):

- a. All academic matters related to Ph.D. degree shall be processed by a Departmental Research Committee (hereafter: DRC) consisting of the following:
 - i. Head of the School/ Department -Chairman
 - ii. All the teachers of the School/ Department recognized by the University as Ph. D. supervisors.
 - iii. The committee shall comprise of at least three members, including the chairman of the DRC.
 - iv. The Vice Chancellor shall nominate members from other/ related departments in case the number of the recognized Ph.D. supervisors is less.
- b. The DRC shall have the following responsibility:
 - i. To review the research proposal and approve the topic of research.
 - ii. To approve the study design and methodology of research and the course(s) that he/ she has to do.
 - iii. To periodically review and approve the progress of the research work of the Ph.D. scholar(s), submitted by respective RAC.
- c. There shall be a Research Advisory Committee (RAC) for each research scholar. The research supervisor of the Ph.D. scholar shall be the Convener of this committee with two other members. This committee will review the research proposal, finalize the topic, guide for research protocol and study design, review and assist in the progress of the research work of the Ph.D. scholar.

7. Procedure for Admission:

- a. Admission to Ph.D. Program will be through an Entrance Test conducted at the level of the University, keeping in view the guidelines/ norms in this regard issued by the UGC/ Government from time to time.
- b. The admission to the Ph.D. programme shall be made using the following method:
 - i. The University may admit students who qualify for fellowship in UGC-NET/ UGC-CSIR NET/ GATE/ CEED and similar National level tests/Government level tests based on an interview.

And/or

- ii. Admit the students through an Entrance Test conducted at the University level. The syllabus for the entrance test shall be prepared by the Board of Studies concerned following the UGC Guidelines (50% on research methodology and 50% subject specific).
- iii. Students who have secure 50% marks in the entrance test are eligible to be called for the interview. The relaxation of 5% marks will be allowed in the entrance examination for the candidates belonging to SC/ ST/ OBC/ Differently abled category, economically weaker section (EWS) and other categories of Candidate as per the decision of the Commission/ Government from time to time.
- iv. University may decide the number of eligible students to be called for an interview based on the number of Ph.D. seats available.

- v. For the selection of candidates who qualify the NET and SET / SLET conducted by Government for appointment to the post of Assistant Professors and who qualify NET for Ph.D. admission a weightage of 70% for the NET score and 30% for the performance in the interview shall be given.
- vi. For 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 shall be given.
- c. The University shall notify a prospectus well in advance on the institution's website specifying the number of seats for admission, subject/ discipline-wise distribution of available seats with the recognized supervisor, criteria for admission, the procedure for admission, and all other relevant information for the candidates.
- d. The university shall maintain a list of all the Ph.D. supervisors (specifying the name of the supervisor, his/ her designation, and the department/ school), 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 its website and update this list every academic year.
- e. 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, available specialization among supervisor and the research interest of the candidate during interview.

8. Allocation of Research Supervisor:

- a. Any permanent faculty 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 any permanent faculty working as *Assistant professor* in the university with a Ph.D. degree and at least three research publications in peer-reviewed or refereed journals may be recognized as Research Supervisor. 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 would be in violation of these Regulations.

For Ph.D. scholars working in Central Government/ Government research institutions whose degrees are given by the 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 to be 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 the case of interdisciplinary/ multidisciplinary research work, if required, a Co-supervisor from outside the Department/ School/ 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, the research data shall be allowed to be transferred to HEI 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 their supervision. However, such faculty members can continue to supervise Ph.D. scholars who are already registered until superannuation and as co-supervisor after superannuation, but not after attaining the age of 70 years.

9. Admission of International students in Ph.D. program:

- 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).
- b. The University shall decide their 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.
- c. 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) and 9(a).

10. Course work:

Credit Requirements, number, duration, syllabus, minimum standards for completion, etc.

- a. The Credit requirement for the Ph.D. coursework is minimum of 12 credits including "Research and Publication Ethics". The course work must include research methodology which may consist of computer Application. The course content shall be designed by the Board of Studies (BoS) of the concerned subject.
- b. The DRC can also recommend UGC recognized online courses as part of the credit requirements for the Ph.D. Course Work.
- c. All Ph.D. scholars, irrespective of discipline, shall be required to train in teaching/ education/ pedagogy/ writing related to their chosen Ph.D. subject during their 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.
- d. Candidates 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 at par with the University curriculum may be exempted by the DRC from the Ph.D. course work.
- e. 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.
- f. On recommendation of the supervisor and approval of DRC, the course work may be carried out by the candidates in sister school/ department either within or outside the university.

11. Research Degree Committee and its Functions:

- a. There shall be the Research Degree Committee (RDC) consisting of the following members:
 - 1. Vice Chancellor or his/ her Nominee
 - 2. Dean of the Faculty
 - 3. Head of the Department/ School of Studies in the subject
 - 4. Chairman Board of Studies/ Senior faculty member of the concerned subject.
 - 5. One external subject expert of the rank of a University Professor/ Director of recognized institute to be appointed by the Vice Chancellor out of a panel of six (6) expert given by the Chairman of the Board of Studies concerned. The term of the subject expert shall be coterminous with the tenure of the BoS.

One External Expert and two other members shall form the quorum.

- b. The meeting of the RDC shall be held in the university office as per the requirement of the Faculty/ Department.

In special circumstances, Vice Chancellor may permit the external subject expert to join the meeting online through video conference.

The committee shall confirm a list of approved Supervisor/ Co-Supervisor along with their specialization prepared by the DRC.

The RDC shall formally recommend the registration of the candidate for the Ph.D. degree. The RDC has right to suggest revision/ alteration (if required) in the synopsis forwarded by the DRC.

12. Six monthly Progress Report:

- a. Every six months, the Ph.D. Scholar shall appear before the DRC to make a presentation and submit a brief report on the progress of his/ her work. The DRC shall submit its recommendation along with a copy of the Ph.D. Scholars' progress report to the University.
- 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.

13. Submission of Summary of Thesis:

- a. Before submitting the dissertation/ thesis, the Ph.D. scholar shall make a presentation before the DRC which shall also be open to all faculty members and other research scholars for getting feedback and comments which may be incorporated into the draft thesis under the advice of the supervisor.
- b. The Ph.D. Scholar must publish at least two research papers, one in journal listed in the UGC Care List/ Scopus/ WOS, one in peer reviewed /refereed journal and two paper presentations in conference /seminars before submission of the thesis.
- c. University shall have a mechanism using well-developed software applications to detect Plagiarism in research work as specified by the UGC and the research 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 three copies of the summary of the work and three copies of the thesis for evaluation, along with (a) an undertaking 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. Submission of an electronic copy of the thesis is mandatory at the time of submission of the Ph.D. thesis.

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

- a. The supervisor shall submit a panel of at least six names of examiners actively engaged in the area concerned of research not below the rank of Associate Professor. On the receipt of the panel of examiner from the supervisor and summary of work from the candidate, the registrar/ controller of examinations shall call a meeting of the examination committee (Dean of the Faculty, BoS Chairman, Head of the Department/ School) constituted by Vice-Chancellor of the university for the purpose. The committee, considering the panel submitted by the Supervisor, shall prepare a panel of six names to act as examiner. The vice chancellor will appoint two examiners out of both the panels recommended by the committee and that of the supervisor.

The Ph.D. thesis submitted by a Ph.D. scholar shall be evaluated by at least two external examiners who are experts in the field. Such examiners should be academics with a good record of scholarly publications in the field. One of the external examiners should be chosen from outside the state and wherever possible from outside India.

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 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 ineligible for the award of a Ph.D.

The viva-voce board shall consist of the Chairman of the RDC in the subject, Research Supervisor and at least one of the two external examiners. The viva-voce shall be open to all the members of the Research Degree Committee/ faculty members/ research scholars, and students and other interested academicians.

- b. The University 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.

15. VIVA VOCE Examination:

The viva voce examination shall be conducted at the university teaching department/ School of studies in the subject or at any place fixed by the university for the purpose. The date, time and place of viva voce examination shall be notified by the registrar on the university notice board at least a week before. At the time of viva-voce examination the board of examiners shall be provided with the reports of the external examiners which shall be returned along with the report of viva voce examination to the registrar. The external examiner, internal examiner and DRC chairman will complete the formalities and submit the report.

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

- a. Ph.D. programmes through part-time mode will be permitted, provided all the conditions stipulated in these Regulations are fulfilled.
- b. The University 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:
 - The candidate is permitted to pursue studies on a part-time basis.
 - His/ her official duties permit him/ her to devote sufficient time to research.
 - If required, he/ she will be relieved from the duty to complete the course work.

17. Issuing a Provisional Certificate:

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

18. Change of Supervisor:

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

19. 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 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.

20. Definitions of words and expressions:

Words and expressions used and not defined in this ordinance but defined in UGC Regulation 2022 for Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. degree shall have the meanings assigned in the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. degree) regulation 2022.

21. Award of Ph.D. degrees prior to Notification of this Ordinance:

This Ordinance shall come into effect from the date it is published through Gazette Notification. All the Ph.D. scholars who have registered prior to the date of publication of this Ordinance in the Gazette shall continue to be governed by the Ordinance under which they were originally admitted. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be applicable only to those candidates who register for the Ph.D. programme after its notification in Gazette.

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