



Diamond Harbour Women's University

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Degree Regulations 2024

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Abbreviations: Board of research Studies (BORS), Research Advisory Committee (RAC), Central Research Advisory Committee (CRAC)

1 Short Title, Application and Commencement

1.1 These Regulations may be called the Diamond Harbour Women’s University (DHWU), Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Degree Regulations 2024. These regulations shall apply to every candidate applying for admission and subsequent registration, conduct and conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) of this University.

1.2 Notwithstanding anything contained in any other Rule or Regulation for the time being in force, all admissions and subsequent registrations, course works and conferment of Degree shall be guided by these regulations framed as per guidelines of the University Grants Commission Regulations vide memo No.F.No.1-3/2021(QIP) dated 07.11.2022.

1.3 Commencement date: These regulations will come into effect on and from 10.02.2025.

2 General

2.1 The Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) shall be awarded to a candidate on the basis of original research work of merit incorporated in a thesis, recommended by a board of examiners and successfully defended by the candidate during a Viva-Voce.

2.2 The thesis shall demonstrate that the candidate has technical mastery of the chosen field of investigation and is capable of doing scholarly work. The result of research embodied in the thesis shall be a contribution to existing knowledge either by a discovery of new facts or by a discovery of some new relations between facts already known, or by a critical survey of fact/issues leading to a new interpretation of facts. The thesis is to be ordinarily written in English/Bengali and in case of research in literature and languages, respective language can be used if it is necessary and the same is approved by the BORS of the respective department.

3 Eligibility criteria for Admission to the Ph.D. Programme (Arts/Science)

3.1 Subject to the conditions stipulated in these Regulations the following are eligible to seek admission to the Ph.D. programme.

3.1.1 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 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/Differently-abled/Economically Weaker Section (EWS) 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/OBC/Differently-abled/Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

3.1.2 Candidates who have completed the M.Phil. programme with at least 55% marks (along with at least 55% marks in the respective masters program or equivalent examination) 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/Differently-abled/Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

4 Duration of the Ph.D. Programme

4.1 The 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 followed by registration to the Ph.D. programme.

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

4.3 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.

4.4 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 subject to the approval of the competent authority.

4.5 Any full time Ph.D. Scholar who obtains employment in other organization shall have to submit a declaration with supporting documents to the University authority immediately after joining that organization. Such a candidate shall not be eligible for any fellowships.

5 Procedure for Admission

5.1 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.

5.2 Admission to the Ph.D. programme shall be made using the following methods:

5.2.1 The University shall admit a student to the Ph.D. programme provided she has qualified for fellowships/scholarships in UGC-NET (JRF)/UGC-CSIR NET (JRF) or Similar National Level Tests (Category-1) and/or UGC-NET(LS) (Category-2) and/or UGC-NET (Admission to Ph.D. only) (Category 3); based on an interview [UGC regulations No.F.No.1-3/2021(QIP) dated 07.11.2022 and No.F.4-1(UGC-NET Review Committee)/2024 (NET)/140648 dated 28.03.2024].

5.2.2 Candidates who have qualified for fellowships/scholarships in UGC-NET (JRF)/UGC-CSIR NET (JRF)/WB-SET or Similar National Level Tests prior to March 28th 2024 may be allowed to apply and their admission to the Ph.D. programme will be based on an interview only.

5.2.3 For the students qualifying in Categories 2 and 3 (as mentioned in Clause 5.2.1), 70% weightage will be given for test scores and 30% weightage for the interview for admission to the Ph.D. programme. The Ph.D. admission will be based on the combined merit of NET marks and the marks obtained in the interview/viva voce as per the UGC notice vide No.F.4-1 (UGC-NET Review Committee)/2024(NET)/140648 dated 28.03.2024.

5.2.4 The marks obtained in the NET by candidates in Categories 2 and 3 (as mentioned in Clause 5.2.1) will be valid for a period of one year for admission to Ph.D as per the UGC notice vide No.F.4-1(UGC-NET Review Committee)/2024(NET)/140648 dated 28.03.2024.

5.3 The University shall notify a prospectus well in advance on the University website specifying the number of seats for admission, subject/discipline/specialization-wise distribution of available seats, criteria for admission, course fees, the procedure for admission, and all other relevant information for the candidates.

5.4 The University will adhere to the National/State-level reservation policy, as applicable.

5.5 The University will 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.

6 Allocation of Research Supervisor

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

6.1 Permanent faculty members working as Professor/Associate Professor of DHWU 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 DHWU with a Ph.D., and at least three research publications in peer-reviewed or refereed journals may be recognized as a Research Supervisors of the University. 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 Regulations.

6.2 In case of Ph.D. Scholars working in Central Government/State Government Research Institutions whose degrees are to be awarded by DHWU, the scientists in such research institutions who are equivalent to Professor/Associate Professor/Assistant Professor can be recognized as Co-supervisors if they fulfill the above requirements.

6.3 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.

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

6.5 In case of interdisciplinary/multidisciplinary research work, if required, a Co-Supervisor from outside the Department/Faculty/Centre/University may be appointed with the approval of the competent authority.

6.6 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. 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 prescribed number.

6.7 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 seventy (70) years.

7 Admission of International students in Ph.D. Programme

7.1 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 6.6.

7.2 For Ph.D. admission of international students the University shall consider these on an individual basis keeping in view the guidelines/norms in this regard issued by the University from time to time.

8 Course Work - Credit requirements, Number, Duration, Syllabus, Minimum standards for completion, etc.

8.1 The Credit requirement for the Ph.D. course work 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) dated 14.06.2019 and a research methodology course. Other courses shall be of an advanced level preparing the students for Ph.D. degree. The BORS/Central Research Advisory Committee (CRAC) can also recommend UGC recognized online courses as part of the credit requirements for the Ph.D. programme.

8.2 All candidates admitted to the Ph.D. programmes shall be required to complete the course work of one semester duration within two years from the date of enrolment of the candidate. A candidate must retain at least 75% attendance to be eligible for appearing in the Course Work examination.

8.3 The Course Work (CW) may be carried out in a sister/allied department either within or outside the University/Institutes for which due credit shall be given to Ph.D. scholars. The Course Work from other Institutes must get an equivalence clearance from the BORS.

8.4 All full time 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 four-six (4-6) hours per week of teaching/research assistantship for conducting tutorial or laboratory work and evaluations provided that such work is not likely to hinder the research.

8.5 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 her thesis. In case of unsuccessful candidates the concerned Department will give her three months time to complete her course work.

8.6 Candidates who have completed M.Phil. Course Work from DHWU or any other University will still have to complete the Ph.D. Course Work of this University to be eligible to pursue the Ph.D. programme.

9 Registration for Ph.D.

9.1 With regard to Ph.D. registration and title registration of the proposed thesis the procedure shall be as under

9.1.1 The Scholar shall formally apply for Ph.D. registration in the prescribed format issued by the University after obtaining admission to the Ph.D. programme and join the Course Work.

9.1.2 On successful completion of the Course Work the scholar shall be eligible to apply for registration of the title of the proposed thesis, in the prescribed format, within six (6) months from the date of publication of the result of the Course Work examination.

9.2 The BORS shall accept the application of the scholar for registration of the title of her proposed thesis, provided it is satisfied with the following

9.2.1 The candidate satisfies the requirements for registration as laid down under Section 8 of these regulations.

9.2.2 It shall be possible for the candidate to maintain regular contact with her Supervisor throughout the entire period of her work.

9.2.3 The part of the work, if any, can be carried out at this University or in other recognized University or institution or research organization or Industry (national or international) where adequate facilities for carrying out such work exist.

9.2.4 There is vacancy against the supervisor and Co-Supervisor (if exists).

9.3 Every application for registration of the title of the proposed thesis shall state the subject or the interdisciplinary field in which the Scholar wishes to obtain the degree, the chosen area of specialization, the proposed title of the research work, the name of the provisional Supervisor, and/or the names of the provisional Co-Supervisor(s). The application shall be accompanied by at least four copies of the synopsis/outline of the proposed research work (not exceeding 1000 words). The synopsis/outline shall include the title of the research work, a short introduction, a brief review of the literature, a note on methodology pertaining to the work and the plan of work and shall be duly countersigned by the provisional Supervisor and/or the provisional Co-Supervisor(s). Of the four approved copies, one shall be sent to the Ph.D. Cell with the recommendation of the BORS, one shall be retained by the Head of the Department, one shall be given to the Supervisor, and one shall be given to the Scholar.

9.4 Application for the title registration shall be considered by the relevant BORS at a meeting in the presence of the provisional Supervisor (or at least one of the provisional Co-Supervisors). The candidate shall be asked to make a presentation on the proposed title of research. The completed application form for Ph.D. title registration along with the recommendation of the BORS shall be sent to the Ph.D. Cell. The Dean of the concerned faculty shall forward the same to the Vice Chancellor for approval. The candidate shall then be allowed to register for the Ph.D. Programme under the recommended supervisor(s) with the said title of work upon due approval of the Vice Chancellor. In the same meeting of the BORS, a Research Advisory Committee (RAC) shall also be constituted for the candidate.

9.5 The approved title of the work can be modified at a later stage, if necessary. For this purpose the candidate shall submit an application to the BORS of the concerned Department duly forwarded by the Supervisor and the HoD of the concerned Department. However, such modification shall not be permitted after the pre-submission Seminar.

9.6 If the BORS does not find it possible to make a positive recommendation in this regard, the candidate may resubmit the application, ordinarily within three months, after revision of the synopsis in the light of the suggestions made by the concerned BORS.

9.7 Ordinarily a candidate shall be registered for the Ph.D. degree in the subject in which the candidate has a Master Degree. In case a candidate applies for registration in a different subject, the matter shall be decided by the BORS of the subject in which the candidate desires to be registered.

9.8 Registration shall remain valid ordinarily for six years from the date of registration or till attaining six years from the date of enrollment, whichever is earlier. The respective BORS may, however, recommend re-registration with the benefit of continuity on the merit of individual cases, provided that such re-registration shall not exceed two years or as stipulated in Clause 4.2.

9.9 The candidate may apply to the Registrar for cancellation of registration stating reasons, and such application, duly forwarded by the Supervisor(s) and or Co-Supervisor(s), the HoD of the Department concerned and the Dean of concerned faculty, must be placed and recorded at the meeting of the respective BORS. If approved, the candidate's registration shall be cancelled.

9.10 A candidate's registration may also be cancelled by the University if the candidate does not fulfill any of the above mentioned criteria or violates any rules and regulations of the University. In such cases, the Supervisor(s) may recommend to the Registrar through the RAC for cancellation of her registration. The matter shall be placed at the meeting of the respective BORS and the candidate shall be notified in writing to be present before the respective BORS.

10 Research Advisory Committee (RAC) and its Functions

10.1 There shall be a Research Advisory Committee (RAC) for each Ph.D. scholar. The structure of the RAC shall be as follows: (i) Supervisor (Convenor), (ii) Co-Supervisor(s) (if any), (iii) Head of the Department (HoD)/Coordinator concerned, (iv) External member as recommended by BORS and duly approved by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, (v) Internal member (as recommended by BORS and duly approved by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor) in case the supervisor and Head of the Department is the same person.

The RAC shall have the following responsibilities:

10.1.1 To review the research proposal and finalize the topic of research.

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

10.1.3 To periodically review and assist in the progress of the research work of the Ph.D. scholar.

10.2 Each semester, a Ph.D. scholar shall appear before the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) to make a presentation and submit a brief report on the progress of her work for evaluation and further guidance. The RAC shall submit its recommendations along with a copy of Ph.D. scholar's progress report to the concerned authority. A copy of such recommendations shall also be provided to the Ph.D. scholar.

10.3 In case the progress of the Ph.D. scholar is unsatisfactory, the Research Advisory Committee shall record the reasons for the same and suggest corrective measures. If the Ph.D. scholar fails to implement these corrective measures in the subsequent presentation, the Research Advisory Committee may recommend, with specific reasons, the cancellation of the registration of the Ph.D. scholar from the Ph.D. programme.

11 Evaluation and Assessment methods, Minimum standards/Credits for Award of the Degree, etc.

11.1 Upon satisfactory completion of course work and obtaining the marks/grade prescribed in Clause 3 of Regulation 9 above, the Ph.D. scholar shall be required to undertake research work and produce a draft dissertation/thesis.

11.2 After completion of a minimum of three (3) years from the date of admission to the Ph.D. programme, the RAC may recommend a candidate for pre-submission based on the candidate's research progress. It is desirable that the candidate shall have published work(s) in peer reviewed journals to her credit and paper presentations in conferences/seminars/symposiums. Ordinarily, six months prior to submission of the dissertation/thesis, the candidate shall apply for pre-submission seminar (in prescribed format) to the Convener of the BORS through the Supervisor with four copies of the synopsis of work preferably within 5000 words. The same shall be circulated by the Convener to the members of the BORS at least fifteen days before holding a pre-submission seminar. In the pre-submission seminar, the candidate shall report the research work before the BORS which shall also be open to all faculty members and other research scholars. The Co-supervisor(s), if any, shall be invited to the seminar. Notice of the seminar shall be circulated and the same may be put up on the Departmental Notice Board and may also be sent to the Heads of the allied Departments.

11.2.1 During the seminar any member of the BORS or any faculty member of the concerned Department present may put forward specific suggestions, if any, to the candidate, and if necessary, in writing. The candidate will be required to work upon the suggestions given by the committee.

11.2.2 If required, the BORS may ask the candidate to reappear at the seminar after three (3) months from the date of the Seminar incorporating necessary inputs. Such intimation to be given by the convenor of BORS to the candidate in writing and also specifically mention deficiency of the areas of the research work.

11.2.3 Immediately after the seminar, the Convenor of the BORS shall forward to the Ph.D. Cell of the University a report in the prescribed form, on the performance of the candidate. The candidate will then be notified in writing to submit her thesis within the stipulated time.

11.3 The University shall have a mechanism using well-developed software applications to detect plagiarism in research work and the research integrity shall be an integral part of all the research activities leading to the award of a Ph.D. degree.

12 Submission of Thesis

12.1 A Ph.D. scholar shall submit the thesis for evaluation in the prescribed format, along with - (i) an undertaking from the Ph.D. scholar that there is no plagiarism and (ii) 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 Higher Educational Institution (iii) deposit a fee, as decided by the University from time to time as well as attested copies of necessary documents at the time of submission of the thesis.

12.2 Preferably, prior to submission of the thesis, the Supervisor shall prepare a panel of six (6) experts, who are not in employment of the University, for the written part of the thesis (at least three (3) from outside the state) and a panel of three (3) experts (preferably from within city or state) for the viva-voce. The experts should be specialists in the concerned field with a strong record of scholarly publications and preferably not below the rank of Professor. The panel of examiners shall be submitted in a sealed cover to the Ph.D. cell by the supervisor. Subsequently, the Honorable Vice-Chancellor will appoint the adjudicators for the thesis and viva voce examination.

12.3 The Ph.D. thesis submitted by a Ph.D. scholar shall be evaluated by her Research Supervisor, Co-Supervisor(s) (if any) and at least two external examiners who are experts in the field. Wherever 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 if necessary. The viva-voce shall be open to the members of the Research Advisory Committee/faculty members/research scholars, and students.

12.4 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. The adjudication reports shall be placed before the Vice Chancellor. If two of the adjudicators other than the supervisor(s) recommend the rejection of the thesis, the thesis shall be rejected by the Vice Chancellor and the supervisor(s) be informed accordingly.

12.4.1 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. The alternate examiner so appointed shall not be informed of the recommendations of the other examiners. 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.

12.4.2 The report of the viva-voce examination, in the prescribed format, shall be submitted to the office of the Registrar/Ph.D. Section after the conclusion of the presentation/viva-voce examination.

12.4.3 If the candidate fails to satisfy the examiners in the open viva-voce, she shall be given one more chance to defend her thesis within six months from the date of the meeting. If the candidate fails to satisfy both the examiners on the second occasion as well, her thesis shall be rejected and her registration shall stand cancelled. The examiners shall give specific reasons in writing on the basis of which the examiner(s) recommends rejection of the thesis.

12.4.4 In case of any ambiguity in the said reports, the entire matter may be placed before BORS for appropriate decision within a period of three months.

12.4.5 If the thesis of the candidate is rejected, the registration of the candidate shall stand ipso facto cancelled.

12.4.6 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.

13 Award of Degree

13.1 The degree of Doctor of Philosophy will be awarded from the date on which Hon-ourable Vice Chancellor approves the degree after the successful defence of the thesis.

13.2 The award of the Ph.D. Degree shall be given at the Convocation of the University which is a meeting of the Court, if all the procedures as stated herein are fulfilled.

13.3 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 these Regulations shall impact the M.Phil. degree programmes commencing prior to the enactment of these Regulations.

14 Ph.D. through part-time mode

14.1 Ph.D. programmes through part-time mode will be permitted, provided all the conditions stipulated in these Regulations are fulfilled.

14.2 The University, at the time of admission; 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:

14.2.1 The candidate is permitted to pursue studies on a part-time basis.

14.2.2 Her official duties permit her to devote sufficient time for research.

14.2.3 If required, she will be relieved from the duty to complete the course work.

14.3 Notwithstanding anything contained in these Regulations or any other law, for the time being in force, the University shall not conduct Ph.D. programmes through distance and/or online mode.

15 Issuance of Provisional Certificate

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

16 Depository with INFLIBNET

16.1 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 (in prescribed format) to INFLIBNET, for hosting the same so as to make it accessible to all the Higher Educational Institutions and research institutions. After successful completion of Ph.D. degree of candidate, all the records will be transferred to the office of the Registrar/ Ph.D. Cell.

16.2 The thesis may also be preserved (in prescribed format) in the following manner: One copy at the Central Library, both hard copy and in electronic form.

16.3 Notwithstanding anything contained in these regulations in case of any ambiguity with regard to these regulations reference may be made to the “University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022 [UGC regulations No.F.No.1-3/2021(QIP) dated 07.11.2022]” and relevant State Government orders and their subsequent amendments as notified from time to time.

In exceptional circumstances, regarding any matter not covered by the above regulations, the competent authority shall be empowered to take necessary action as per the extant rules and regulations of the University.