

Indira Gandhi National Open University

Research Unit

Dated 15th May 2020

Notification

It is hereby notified that in view of COVID-19 Pandemic and Subsequent Lockdown, the University has taken measures in the interest of the research scholars (M Phil/ Ph D) registered across various Disciplines/ Schools in order to facilitate the conduct of research activities particularly w.r.t the extension, submission of thesis and conduct of VIVA. Accordingly, all the Directors of School of Studies are requested to adhere to the following and take due care for dissemination of the information among the faculty members and the research scholars registered in M Phil and Ph D Degree programmes under their Schools:

1. All the research scholars whose maximum validity of registration is expired or expiring during the Corona pandemic period will be allowed to submit their Dissertation/ Thesis, including completion of pending formalities, within **six months from the date of expiry of regular prescribed period**.
2. All the research scholars who are yet to submit their Dissertation/ Thesis shall be given **six months relaxation** in the regular prescribed period for completion in M Phil/ Ph D Programme.
3. The Research Scholars who are in all preparedness for submission of thesis /dissertation may submit softcopy of their thesis/dissertation along with the certificates towards originality; six monthly progress report; presentation of seminar/ conference paper; pre-submission seminar, completion of coursework, publication of paper and plagiarism report. The Research Supervisor shall ensure that the thesis is submitted in compliance of IGNOU ordinance on Research Degree Programmes. The soft copy of the Thesis/ Dissertation complete in all respects shall be sent to research unit @ researchunit@ignou.ac.in. The soft copy has to be password protected.
4. The concerned supervisor shall submit a panel of evaluators from the approved panel, forwarded by the Director of the concerned School to the Vice Chancellor, from which three evaluators shall be nominated by the Vice Chancellor. The file sent to the Vice Chancellor should be password protected. The soft copy of the Thesis/ Dissertation shall be sent to the nominated evaluators by the Research unit.
5. Schools may conduct Viva for the Research Scholars through Video Conferencing using Google, Skype, Microsoft Technologies or any other reliable and mutually convenient technology, subject to the approval of the Vice Chancellor in compliance of IGNOU ordinance on Research Degree programmes. While conducting the Viva-Voce Examination through Video Conferencing the Discipline/ School shall ensure that it will be open to be attended by members of the DRC, all faculty members, research scholars and other interested experts/ researchers, besides the Research Supervisor and Expert(s)/Examiner(s), as applicable. The School shall also maintain all records of the procedure followed including the report signed by Expert(s)/ Examiner(s) appointed for conducting the same.
6. The concerned Discipline/ School shall ensure maintenance of all records pertaining to submission of Thesis/ Dissertation and conduct of Viva as mentioned above.

This issues with approval of the Vice Chancellor.

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To
ALL Directors OF Schools of Studies

