# ASSAM UNIVERSITY REGULATION ON M.PHIL. AND PH.D DEGREE, 2017

#### 1 Short title, application and commencement:

- 1.1 These regulations will be known as the Assam University M.Phil. and Ph.D. Regulations, 2017, henceforth referred to as Regulations, and will be in supersession of all extant and previous regulations, including relevant clauses of the Ordinance on the Doctor of Philosophy [Section 28 (1) (b) of the Assam University Act,1989], and the Ordinance on the Master of Philosophy [Section 28 (1) (b) of the Assam University Act,1989].
- 1.2 These regulations have been framed as per the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.PHIL./PH.D Degrees) Regulations, 2016.
- 1.3 These regulations will be effective from the date of their approval of authority and ratification in the Executive Council of Assam University, Silchar.

#### 2. Eligibility criteria for admission to the M.Phil. programme:

- 2.1 Candidates for admission to the M.Phil. programme shall have a Master's degree or a professional degree 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 the prevalent AUS scale, or an equivalent degree 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 for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions.
- 2.2 A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/differently-abled and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time, or for those who had obtained their Master's degree prior to 19<sup>th</sup> September, 1991. The eligibility marks of 55% (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and the relaxation of 5% to the categories mentioned above are permissible based only on the qualifying marks without including the grace mark procedures.

## 3 Eligibility criteria for admission to Ph.D Programme:

Subject to the conditions stipulated in this Regulation, the following persons are eligible to seek admission to the Ph.D. programme:

- 3.1 Master's Degree holders satisfying the criteria stipulated under Clause 2 above.
- 3.2 Candidates who have cleared the M.Phil. course work from Assam University as per the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and procedure for Award of M.PHIL./PH.D Degrees) Regulations, 2016 with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in the prevalent AUS grading scale and successfully completing the M.Phil. Degree shall be eligible to proceed to do research work leading to the Ph. D. Degree in an integrated programme in the University).

A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC(non-creamy layer)/differently-abled and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

- 3.3 A student of Assam University whose M.Phil. dissertation has been evaluated and the *viva voce* is pending may also be admitted to the Ph.D. programme of the University.
- 3.4 Candidates possessing a Degree considered equivalent to M.Phil. Degree of an Indian Institution, 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 for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to Ph.D. programme.

#### **4 Duration of the Programme:**

- 4.1 M.Phil. programme shall be for a minimum duration of two (2) consecutive semesters / one year and a maximum of four (4) consecutive semesters / two years.
- 4.2 Ph.D. programme shall be for a minimum duration of three years, including course work and a maximum of six years.
- 4.3 An extension of one semester may be given to an M.Phil Candidate for submission of dissertation on recommendation of RAC (refer clause 8).

A PhD student is eligible to get one year of extension for thesis submission. One more year of extension may be granted under special circumstances to a candidate.

These extensions will be granted on recommendation of all relevant statutory bodies provided the candidate applies with recommendation of RAC at least six months prior to the date of expiry of her/ his tenure of M.Phil. / Ph.D.

Any extraordinary situation may be referred to the Chairperson, BRS (Board of Research Studies), through RAC and Departmental Research Committee (hereafter referred to as DRC and defined under Clause 9), for decision which should later be ratified in the relevant statutory bodies,

4.4 The women candidates and persons with disability (more than 40% disability) may be allowed a relaxation of one year for M.Phil and two years for Ph.D. in the maximum duration in addition to that mentioned in clause 4.3. In addition, the women candidates may be provided Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave once in the entire duration of M.Phil/Ph.D. for up to 240 days.

#### 5 Procedure for admission:

- 5.1 Candidates will be admitted to M.Phil/Ph.D. course through an Entrance Test.
- 5.2 A student having PG degree from Assam University, UGC-NET (including JRF)/UGC-CSIR NET (including JRF)/SLET/GATE/teacher fellowship holders will get 10% of her/his PG grade/% of marks as bonus over the entrance examination score. Candidates with M.Phil degree will get10% of their coursework grade/% of marks as bonus. These will be included at the time of preparation of merit list.
- 5.3 The University shall:
  - 5.3.1 Decide on an annual basis through the Departmental Research Committee (DRC)a predetermined and manageable number of M.Phil./ Ph.D. scholars to be admitted depending on the number of available Research Supervisors and other academic and physical facilities available, keeping in mind the norms regarding the scholar-teacher ratio (as indicated in clause6.5), laboratory, library and such other facilities. Each

- department shall declare its vacancy of Ph.D. and M.Phil on an annual basis. A vacancy is created under a supervisor as and when a draft dissertation/ thesis is submitted by a student enrolled with her/him to the office of COE.
- 5.3.2 Issue admission notification in the University website and in at least two (2) national newspapers, of which at least one (1) shall be in the regional language. The number of seats for admission, subject/discipline-wise distribution of available seats, criteria for admission, procedure for admission, examination centre(s) where entrance test(s) will be conducted and all other relevant information will be provided on the University website.
- 5.3.3 National/State-level reservation policy, as applicable will be followed.
- 5.4 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 bodies concerned, and taking into account the reservation policy of the Central/State Government from time to time.
- 5.5 Candidates will be selected by a two stage process that is:
  - 5.5.1 An Entrance Test conducted by the university consisting of research methodology (50%) and subject specific knowledge (50%). Qualifying marks for the entrance test is 50%. The test shall be conducted at the Centre(s) notified in advance (changes of Centres, if any, are also to be notified well in advance).
  - 5.5.2 An interview, to be organized by the concerned department where the candidates are required to discuss their research interest/area through a presentation before a duly constituted Department Research Committee (DRC) (Defined under Clause 9).
- 5.6 The interview shall also consider the following aspects, viz. whether:
  - 5.6.1 the candidate possesses the competence for the proposed research;
  - 5.6.2 the research work can be suitably undertaken at the department concerned;
  - 5.6.3 the proposed area of research can contribute to new/additional knowledge.
- 5.7 The University shall maintain the list of all the M.Phil. / Ph.D. registered students on its website on year-wise basis. The list shall include the name of the registered candidate, topic of her/his research, name of concerned supervisor/co-supervisor, date of enrolment /registration. An enrolment number will be assigned to each admitted candidate. Registration number will be issued after title registration upon successful completion of course-work (defined under Clause 7)

### 6. Allocation of Research Supervisor:

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

- 6.1 Any regular Professor of the University with at least five research publications in refereed journals and any regular Associate/Assistant Professor of the university with a Ph.D. degree and at least two research publications in refereed journals may be recognized as Research Supervisor.
  - Provided that in areas/disciplines where there is no UGC approved journals or only a limited number of refereed journals, publication in a journal carrying ISSN number may be considered for recognition of a person as Research Supervisor with reasons recorded in writing. In this regard, concerned departments can fix their own criteria with approval of Academic Council.
- 6.2 Only a full time regular teacher of the University can act as a supervisor. All eligible

supervisors will also be eligible to be a co-supervisor. The external supervisors are not allowed. However, Co-Supervisor can be allowed in inter-disciplinary areas from other departments of the university or from other related institutions with the recommendation of the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) (Defined under Clause 8). Such proposal on case basis should be routed through relevant statuary bodies for approval. Co-supervisors can be opted till one year prior to Pre-submission.

In order to be a co-supervisor for a Ph.D. candidate, a person should be a regular faculty in a University/ College/ Institute or a Scientist in a National/ Regional Research Institute with at least five (5)publications after obtaining Ph.D. degree in refereed journals and 10 years of teaching/ research experience, barring that spent for obtaining Ph.D. degree.

- 6.3 The allocation of Research Supervisor for a selected research scholar will be decided by the DRC concerned depending on the number of scholars per Research Supervisor, the available specialization among the Supervisors and research interests of the scholars as indicated by them at the time of interview.
- 6.4 A Research Supervisor/Co-supervisor who is a Professor, at any given point of time, cannot guide more than three (3)M.Phil. and Eight (8) Ph.D. scholars. An Associate Professor as Research Supervisor can guide up to a maximum of two (2) M.Phil. and six (6) Ph.D. scholars, and an Assistant Professor as Research Supervisor can guide up to a maximum of one (1) M.Phil. and four (4) Ph.D. scholars.
  - However, a faculty having externally funded project may be allowed to admit up to a maximum of two (2) JRFs to the M.Phil./ Ph.D. programme in addition to those specified above, provided there is no vacancy under the concerned faculty, and the candidate can qualify through the selection procedure.
- 6.5 On superannuation, a faculty ceases to remain a supervisor but may continue as a co-supervisor till the M.Phil/ Ph.D. programme is completed. A superannuating supervisor shall propose the name of a new officiating supervisor to DRC for approval from statutory bodies at least one year prior to due date of superannuation. Such a case will be super numeral to clause 6.4 if no vacancy exists with the proposed supervisor. But it will be adjusted as and when vacancy is created under her/him and she/he will get the due credit for guiding the student. A faculty who is due to superannuate within three (3) years, will not be assigned any new Ph.D. scholar by the DRC.
- 6.6 On resignation/ expiry of lien period of the supervisor, the DRC will appoint a new supervisor. Suggestions, if any, of the outgoing supervisor will be considered by the DRC. In such cases, provisions of Clause 6.5 will apply. The outgoing faculty may apply to become a co-supervisor which will be decided in light of clause 6.2.
- 6.7 On demise of the supervisor, the RAC will nominate a new supervisor in consultation with the scholar. In case, required expertise is not available in the department at that point of time, RAC may recommend to adopt a co-supervisor (within the scope of clause 6.2) from outside the institution who is an expert in the relevant field.
- 6.8 In case of relocation of an M.Phil/Ph.D. woman scholar due to marriage or otherwise, the research data shall be allowed to be transferred to the University to which the scholar intends to relocate provided all the other conditions in these regulations are followed in letter and spirit and the research work does not pertain to the research project secured by the parent institution/ supervisor from any funding agency. The scholar will, however, give due credit to the parent guide and the institution for the part of research already done.

#### 7. Course Work:

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

- 7.1 Successful completion of course work shall be treated as prerequisite for M.Phil./Ph.D. title registration (given under Clause 10.2).
- 7.2 The M.Phil./ Ph.D. course work will be of 16 credits.
- 7.3 Coursework syllabi will be designed by a department for its M.Phil/ PhD programme, except the Research Methodology paper, which will be common for a school of study and will be designed by the Dean concerned. The Research Methodology paper of four (4) credits will cover areas such as quantitative methods, computer applications, research ethics and review of published research in the relevant field, training, field work, etc. Of the three remaining courses of four (4) credits each, one shall comprise advanced level topics in concerned subject. Another paper will be an optional paper on the specialized research area. Choice of this paper by a given scholar will be made under the guidance of RAC. There will be a term paper of four (4) credits which will involve both a report as well as a presentation on the subject area of her/ his PhD topic including objectives/ specific methodology/ literature review, etc. The term paper shall be guided by the supervisor and evaluated by RAC concerned. All courses prescribed for M.Phil. and Ph.D. course work shall be in conformity with the credit hour, instructional requirement and shall specify content, instructional and assessment methods. They shall be duly approved by the authorized academic bodies and revised every three years.
- 7.4 Course work should be cleared in first semester of the programme; arrear, if any, should be cleared within next semester failing which the admission will stand cancelled. There is no scope for re-evaluation/betterment for coursework examination.
- 7.5 Candidates already holding M. Phil. Degree as per UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016, and admitted to the Ph.D. programme, or those who have already completed the course work in M.Phil. under the same Regulations and have been permitted to proceed to the Ph.D. in an integrated programme, will be exempted from the Ph.D. course work. All other candidates admitted to the Ph.D. programme shall be required to complete the Ph.D. course work prescribed by the Department.
- 7.6 Marks in the course work, including research methodology courses shall be finalized after a combined assessment by the RAC and the DRC and the final marks shall be communicated to the Controller of Examinations by the Dean within 30 days of completion of examination.
- 7.7 An M.Phil./Ph.D. scholar has to obtain a minimum of 55% in aggregate and a minimum of 50% in each paper or its equivalent grade in prevalent AUS scale in the course work in order to be eligible to continue in the programme and submit the dissertation/thesis.

### 8. Research Advisory Committee and its functions:

- 8.1 There shall be a Research Advisory Committee (RAC) for each M.Phil. and Ph.D. scholar. The committee shall be notified by the Dean of the concerned School of Studies on proposal/recommendation of the supervisor. The RAC shall consist of the Dean/ Dean's nominee as the chairperson, Supervisor as convenor, Head of the Department, one teacher from the department and one teacher from other departments (nominated by the Dean in consultation with the supervisor) who are eligible to be supervisors, as members. This Committee shall have the following responsibilities:
  - 8.1.1 To review the research proposal and finalize the topic of research;

- 8.1.2 To guide the research scholar to develop the study design and methodology of research and identify the course(s) that he/she may have to undertake during course work or later.
- 8.1.3 To periodically review and assist in the progress of the research work of the concerned scholar.
- 8.2 Every research scholar must appear before the RAC once in six months to make a presentation of the progress of her/his work for evaluation and further guidance. The six monthly progress report shall be submitted by the RAC to the DRC with a copy to the research scholar. The six monthly meeting of a RAC shall be notified by the Dean on request of the supervisor.
- 8.3 In case the progress of the research scholar is unsatisfactory, the RAC shall record the reasons for the same and suggest corrective measures. If the research scholar fails to implement these corrective measures, the RAC may recommend with specific reasons for cancellation of the registration under the programme.

## 9. Departmental Research Committee and its functions:

There shall be a Departmental Research Committee (DRC) for each academic department offering M.Phil/PhD programme. All teachers of the department eligible to supervise shall be member of the committee. One member shall be opted from other department of the same school of studies and another member from an allied School of Studies as a Vice Chancellor's nominee. Head of the Department shall be convener and Dean of the School shall chair the proceedings of the DRC. The DRC shall look after the following research related matters-

- 9.1 Conducting the personal interview during M.Phil./Ph.D. admission process and assigning supervisor to a select a candidate.
- 9.2 Monitoring and approving external expert's report on synopsis for title registration.
- 9.3 Maintaining records of the Ph.D./ M.Phil in the department/ scrutiny of scholar's register.
- 9.4 Setting eligibility criteria for part time scholars on departmental basis in addition to that stipulated in clause 12.3.
- 9.5 Monitoring yearly attendance of scholars.

## 10. Evaluation and Assessment Methods, minimum standard/credits for award of the degree, etc

- 10.1 The overall minimum credit requirement, including credit for the course work, for the award of M.Phil degree shall be 30 of which 16 shall be secured from coursework and 14 from dissertation.
- 10.2 Upon satisfactory completion of coursework and obtaining the required marks/grade, a scholar should go for thesis/ dissertation title registration. A presentation on the proposal should be made before RAC, on whose recommendation the scholar shall submit a synopsis. The RAC will obtain at least one external expert report (from outside the University) on the submitted Ph.D synopsis. Thereafter, the scholar shall submit an application (in prescribed format) to the DRC along with the recommendation of RAC based on the presentation, and the external expert's report on the synopsis. The application complete in all respects shall be forwarded to BRS through the relevant statutory bodies within two semesters of successful completion of coursework, barring which admission will stand cancelled.
- 10.3 Any minor modification/ alteration of Ph D thesis title within the scope of registered work can be done. Any such change shall have to be approved by the BRS before pre-submission. For

- this purpose, the supervisor shall first propose the modification/ alteration to the RAC, on the recommendation of which it will be submitted to the DRC, which in turn will get it approved in the relevant statutory bodies. Modification in M.Phil dissertation title will only be allowed under extraordinary circumstances subject to approval in the relevant statutory bodies.
- 10.4 Prior to the submission of the dissertation/thesis, the scholar shall make a presentation in the Department before her/his RAC which shall also be open to all faculty members and other research scholars. The feedback and comments obtained from them may be suitably incorporated into the draft dissertation/thesis in consultation with the RAC. The scholar shall be allowed to deliver pre-submission seminar after completion of at least 2.5 years from the date of admission.
- 10.5 Within 15 days of successful presentation, the scholar has to submit an Abstract (within 1000 words) of the thesis/dissertation along with duly filled prescribed form and fees to the COE through HOD. The Ph.D draft thesis should be submitted within two to six months from the date of pre-submission within the scope laid in clause 4 4. In case a Ph Dscholar fails to submit the draft thesis within six months from the date of pre-submission she/he needs to take special permission from the competent authority on recommendation of RAC. An M.Phil scholar must submit the dissertation within 45 days from the date of pre-submission.
- 10.6 M.Phil scholars shall present at least one (1) research paper in a conference/seminar and Ph.D. scholars must publish at least one (1) research paper in refereed journal and make two paper presentations in conferences/seminars before the submission of the dissertation/thesis for adjudication, and produce evidence for the same in the form of presentation certificates and/or reprints.
  - 10.6.1 The Academic Council shall evolve a mechanism using well developed software and gadgets to detect plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty from time to time. The Supervisor will certify the compliance of draft thesis/dissertation with the prevalent guideline. The dissertation/thesis shall have an undertaking from the research scholar and a certificate from the Research Supervisor attesting to the originality of the work, vouching that there is no plagiarism and that the work has not been submitted for the award of any other degree/diploma of the same Institution where the work was carried out, or to any other Institution.
  - 10.6.2 Thesis/ dissertation shall be printed on both side of A4 sized paper. Three soft bound copies along with a soft copy in pdf format of the draft thesis should be submitted to COE to be processed for evaluation. Two hard bound copies of the final thesis/dissertation (incorporating all changes/ alterations / corrections suggested during the process of evaluation, if any) along with a soft copy in pdf format should be submitted to COE through the office of Dean within 15 days of completion of *viva–voce*. Notification will be done by the university in the first week of every month for award of PhD / M.Phil to the candidates who have successfully completed *viva-voce* in preceding month.
  - 10.6.3 The M.Phil. dissertation submitted by a research scholar shall be evaluated by her/his Research Supervisor and at least one external examiner who is not in the employment of the University. An expert panel containing name of at least four experts excluding supervisor(s) on the relevant field must be submitted by the supervisor at the time of title registration to DRC for approval of other statutory bodies.

The *viva-voce* examination shall be conducted by the external and internal examiners, and shall be open to be attended by members of the RAC, all faculty members of the Department, other research scholars and other interested experts/ researchers.

The supervisor shall be the convener of the *viva-voce*. The Dean of the concerned school shall notify the date of viva-voce in consultation with supervisor within a week of receiving papers from the COE office. This notification shall be done at least one week prior to the scheduled *viva-voce*.

The RAC should be supplied with the evaluation report (blind) and the same should be communicated to the scholar along with the date of *viva-voce*. The viva-voce may be deferred or fixed on a later date by Dean of the concerned school on written request of candidate/supervisor.

- The Ph.D. thesis submitted by a research scholar shall be evaluated by her/his Research Supervisor and at least two external examiners, who are not in employment of Assam University, of whom one examiner may be from outside the country. A panel containing name of six (6) external experts excluding supervisor(s) should be submitted at least one (1) year prior to pre-submission for approval of statutory bodies. A submitted panel will remain valid for 2.5 years The *viva-voce* examination, based among other things, on the critiques given in the evaluation report, shall be conducted by the Research Supervisor and at least one of the two external examiners under the chairmanship of the Dean, and shall be open to be attended by Members of the Research Advisory Committee, all faculty members of the Department, other research scholars and other interested experts/researchers. In case the supervisor is a close relative of the scholar she/he will not evaluate the thesis of the candidate and a third external will be appointed in lieu of her/him.
- 10.6.5 The public *viva-voce* of the research scholar to defend the dissertation/thesis shall be conducted only if the evaluation report(s) of the external examiner(s) on the dissertation/thesis is/are satisfactory and include a specific recommendation for conducting the *viva-voce* examination. If the evaluation report of the external examiner in case of M.Phil. dissertation, or one of the evaluation reports of the external examiner in case of Ph.D. thesis, is unsatisfactory and does not recommend *viva-voce*, the University shall send the dissertation/ thesis to another external examiner out of the approved panel of examiners and the *viva-voce* examination shall be held only if the report of the latest examiner is satisfactory. If the report of the latest examiner is also unsatisfactory, the dissertation/ thesis shall be rejected and the research scholar shall be declared ineligible for the award of the degree.
- In the event of death of an M.Phil./ Ph.D. candidate before her/ his viva voce could be conducted, a posthumous degree may be awarded provided the reports of both the external examiners are positive and recommend the thesis for viva voce. Such a proposal has to be routed through the relevant statutory bodies. In the case of a deceased M.Phil. candidate, posthumous degree may be similarly awarded if the external examiner report is positive.
- 10.6.7 The entire process of evaluation of M.Phil. dissertation/ Ph.D. thesis shall be completed within a period of six months from the date of submission of the draft dissertation/thesis. The Scholar shall submit the draft thesis to the Dean of the concerned school through the department and it is to be forwarded to COE office within 3 working days. The COE office shall issue a submission certificate to the scholar and initiate the process of evaluation immediately after receiving the draft dissertation/thesis.

## 11. Academic, administrative and infrastructure requirement to be fulfilled by Colleges for getting recognition for offering M.Phil./Ph.D. programmes:

- 11.1 Colleges may be considered eligible to offer M.Phil./Ph .D programmes only if they satisfy the availability of eligible Research Supervisors, required infrastructure and supporting administrative and research promotion facilities as per these Regulations.
- 11.2 Post-graduate Departments of Colleges with at least two teachers having Ph.D. degree and qualified to the supervisor in the Department concerned along with required infrastructure, supporting administrative and research promotion facilities as per these Regulations, stipulated under sub-clause 10.3, may be considered eligible to offer M.Phil./Ph.D. programmes. Such Colleges should have the necessary recognition by the University.
- 11.3. Colleges with adequate facilities for research as mentioned below alone may offer M.Phil./Ph. D. programmes:
  - 11.3.1 In case of science and technology disciplines, exclusive research laboratories with sophisticated equipment as specified by the University with provision for adequate space per research scholar along with computer facilities and essential software, and uninterrupted power and water supply;
  - 11.3.2 Earmarked library resources including latest books, Indian and International journals, e-journals, extended working hours for all disciplines, adequate space for research scholars in the Department/ library for reading, writing and storing study and research materials:
  - 11.3.3 Colleges may also access the required facilities of the neighbouring Institutions/Colleges/R&D laboratories/Organizations which have the required facilities, by entering into an official agreement with the institution concerned.

#### 12. Treatment of Ph.D / M.Phil. through Distance Mode/Part-time basis:

- 12.1 There will be no M.Phil. and Ph.D. Programmes offered through distance education mode.
- 12.2 Part-time Ph.D will be allowed provided all the conditions mentioned in the extant Ph.D Regulations are met. A No Objection Certificate (NOC) from competent authority in the format prescribed by the authority needs to be submitted at the time of personal interview during admission by all employed candidates. In addition, an employed candidate needs to submit leave sanction order from competent authority for at least a period of six (6) month for attending course work.
- 12.3 Part time scholars have to be present in the campus for 30 days in a year and must appear before RAC once in every six month. Attendance records of such scholars will be maintained by the Supervisor and reported to RAC from time to time. RAC may take appropriate action if a part time scholar does not have the required attendance.

#### 13. Depository with INFLIBNET:

- 13.1 Following the successful completion of the evaluation process and before the announcement of the award of the M.Phil./Ph.D. degree(s), the University shall submit an electronic copy of the M.Phil. dissertation /Ph. D. thesis to the INFLIBNET, for hosting the same so as to make it accessible to all Institutions/Colleges.
- 13.2 Prior to the actual award of the degree the University shall issue a provisional certificate to the effect that the Degree has been awarded in accordance with the provisions of the UGC Regulations, 2016.

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