
MONARK UNIVERSITY



Ordinance Governing the Award of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Program, 2021

(in accordance with UGC Rules and Regulations 2016 and 2018)

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1. PREAMBLE

Monark University was established under Gujarat Private Universities Act, 2009, as amended from time to time, as a State Private University. It came into existence from 1st June, 2021. The University has already operationalized its regular academic courses/program at Diploma, Graduate and Post Graduate Degree levels in multi-disciplinary fields/areas in its integrated educational campus located in the proximity of Ahmedabad City. In addition to regular courses and research activities, it has introduced several short-term career oriented/professional courses for the larger benefit of the students.

The University has a sprawling campus with required academic and physical infrastructure/facilities developed on most modern lines, well equipped labs, workshops, Library with large collections/holdings of books, bound volumes, dissertations, periodicals, e-resources etc, a team of qualified and experienced faculty members, and dedicated supporting and technical staff.

In order to strengthen the academic courses, bring educational standards, make research based teaching and learning, and move in the direction to achieve excellence in education over the period of time, it is imperative for the University to promote in-house inter-disciplinary research in tune with the contemporary educational practices prevailing elsewhere in the world.

It will not be out of context to mention here that most of the faculty members of the University have long and valuable teaching experiences and very good exposure to the research activities and innovations, which will definitely be helpful to guide and supervise the Ph. D. students/scholars effectively.

The main objectives of the Ph.D. program are:-

- To promote applied, fundamental and other types of research and encourage the students/researchers to demonstrate their abilities to conduct independent research and showcase their in-depth knowledge in the specific subject areas.
- To provide a right platform to the researchers to pursue higher studies and advanced research in the areas of their specializations or allied fields on contemporary issues and contribute towards their chosen fields.
- To encourage in-depth analysis and enrichment of knowledge in the above fields.

- To encourage publication of research papers in peer reviewed national/ international academic journals, occasional papers and monographs, books and other referred forums.

2. INTRODUCTION

These Ordinances shall be called the Monark University Doctor of Philosophy Ordinances, 2021. They shall come into force from the date the Academic Council and Governing Body of the University approve them. The degree of Doctor of Philosophy (hereinafter referred to as the Ph.D. Degree) of the Monark University shall be conferred on the candidates who complete the course and fulfill the requirements as specified in these ordinances.

3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Candidates applying for admission to the Ph.D. program shall have a Master's degree or a professional degree declared equivalent to the Master's degree by the corresponding statutory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent Grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) or an equivalent degree from a foreign educational Institution accredited by an Assessment and Accreditation Agency which is approved or recognized 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.

Candidates who have cleared the M.Phil course work with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and successfully completed the M.Phil Degree shall be eligible to proceed to do research work leading to the Ph. D. Degree in the same Institution in an integrated program.

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 UGC from time to time. A candidate whose M.Phil. dissertation has been evaluated and the viva voice is pending may also be admitted to the Ph. D. program of the same Institution.

4. ADMISSION PROCESS

Advertisement(s) inviting applications in the prescribed format for admission to Ph.D program shall be issued by the University every year, as per the time schedule

approved by the competent authority, in a leading local as well as national level of newspapers if necessary.

The number of seats in each discipline to be advertised shall be fixed, taking into consideration the number of qualified guides/supervisors available in the respective disciplines, the infrastructure and the number of scholars, if any, already registered and pursuing the Ph.D program. The advertisement shall specify the approximate number of seats for each discipline.

There shall be a common entrance test, Group Discussion (GD) and Personal Interview (PI) conducted at the University level. The admission committee shall evaluate and scrutinize the academic, professional and research related potential of the candidates based on the performance in the Entrance Test, GD and PI.

The recommendations of the Admission Committee shall be placed before the Research & Development Committee (RDC). The admissions shall be final only after the approval is accorded by the RDC as well as the President of the University.

5. COMMITTEES FOR PH.D PROGRAM

There shall be the following committees constituted for Ph. D. program at the University level.

5.1 ADMISSION COMMITTEE

The composition of the Admission Committee will be as follows:-

- Chairperson: Provost or a senior most Dean or Professor of the University
- President's Nominee: A Dean or Professor or Associate Professor of the University
- Three Members: Ph.D. Research Guides/ Supervisors from the departments of the University
- Registrar of the University shall be the Member Secretary of the Committee.

The admission committee shall co-opt expert or experts from within the University or other Universities/Institutions, if necessary, and co-ordinate all the work related to the admission to Ph.D. program of the University. The Chairperson shall convene the meetings of the Committee as and when required.

5.2 RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (RDC)

There shall also be a Research and Development Committee (RDC) at the University level. The RDC will monitor and evaluate the Ph.D program. The composition of the RDC will be as follows:

- Chairperson: Provost or a senior most dean or Professor of the University

- Members: Heads of concerned Departments
- One of the members of the Academic Council to be nominated by the President.

Two outside subject experts from other Universities/Academic or Research institutions to be nominated by the President.

- Research Supervisors/Guides by invitation for admission consultation only.
- Registrar of the University shall be the Member Secretary of the Committee.

The recommendations of the RDC shall be placed before the President through the Registrar for further necessary action. The term of the above committees will be for a period of three years.

6. EXEMPTION FROM ENTRANCE TEST

The candidates having one of the following qualifications shall be exempted from the requirement of appearing at the Entrance Test:

- Qualified in the UGC-NET (including JRF)/UGC-CSIR NET(including JRF)/SLET/GATE/teacher fellowship holder.
- M.Phil Degree holder whose admission was granted through the Entrance Test conducted by the concerned University.

However, the candidates who are exempted from appearing at Entrance Test will have to appear for Personal Interview. Foreign students who are seeking admission to Ph.D. program must obtain clearance from Government of India and/or other appropriate authorities and should also hold valid visa for the duration of the program.

7. CLASSIFICATION/CATEGORIZATION OF PH.D SCHOLARS.

The status of the students admitted to Ph.D programs shall be classified under any one of the following categories:

1. Full Time Research Scholar
2. Part Time Research Scholar

7.1 FULL TIME RESEARCH SCHOLAR

- Self-Financed Indian Nationals/Foreign Nationals and those Indian Nationals joining the program on study leave granted by their employers.
- The scholars who are in receipt of assistantship/scholarship/fellowship from UGC/ICSSR/DST/CSIR/DBT/Industry etc. or other funding agency.
- Sponsored candidates
- Foreign Nationals joining with ICCR award.

The full time scholars are required to work on regular basis during their entire Ph.D. program. The minimum duration for full time Ph.D Program shall be 3 years and the maximum 6 years. Extension beyond the above limits will be governed by the relevant clauses as stipulated in the Statute/Ordinance of the University. The women candidates and Persons with more than 40% Disability may be allowed a relaxation of two years in the maximum duration. In addition, the women candidates may be granted Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave for the period up to 240 days once in the entire duration of the program.

7.2 PART TIME RESEARCH SCHOLAR

- i. Candidates/Scholars/Faculty Members working in other Universities/Colleges/Educational institutions/R&D Centres who fulfill the eligibility criteria
- ii. Regular Faculty Members working in the Monark University who also fulfill the eligibility criteria.

All Part Time scholar(s) will have to compulsorily produce a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from their employers /Head of institutions. They will not be entitled/eligible for any kind of Financial Assistance/Fellowships and accommodation from Monark University. The minimum duration for Part time Ph.D Program shall be 4 years and the maximum shall be 6 years. The same provision is applicable to Full Time Scholars will also apply for extension of time limit in the case of Part Time Scholars.

8. RECOGNITION OF PH.D. GUIDE/RESEARCH SUPERVISORS

Eligibility criteria for recognition of Guide/Research Supervisor shall be as follows:

- Full time regular Professors of Monark University holding Ph.D. Degree with at least 5 (five) research publications in referred journals may be recognized as Ph.D. Guides/Research Supervisors.
- Full time regular Associate/Assistant Professors of the Monark University holding Ph.D. Degree with at least 2 (two) research publications in referred journals may also be recognized as Ph.D. Guides/Research Supervisors.

9. CO-GUIDE

In order to take care of interdisciplinary aspects in research, a Ph.D. Guide may be appointed as a Co-Guide/Supervisor from within the University or other University/Institution. However, the number of research scholars working under a Co-

Guide/Supervisor shall not be taken into consideration while counting the permissible number of scholars registered under a particular Ph.D. Guide/Supervisor.

In case of transfer/shifting of a Ph.D Guide/Supervisor to some other University/ academic institutions, research organizations, he/she may continue to Guide the Research Scholar(s)/candidate(s) already registered under him/her. However, such person(s) shall cease to be approved Ph.D. Guides of the University on successful completion of Ph.D. studies of the concerned candidates/scholars.

The appointment of the Ph.D Guide/ Research Supervisors and Co-Guides shall be approved by the President of the University on the recommendations of the RDC. Such recommendations shall be routed through the Registrar of the University.

10. NORMS FOR PH.D. GUIDE/RESEARCH SUPERVISORS TO SUPERVISE WORK OF THE SCHOLARS

The maximum number of scholars/candidates to be enrolled for Ph.D research under the supervision of a Guide/Supervisor, at any given point of time, for different cadres shall be as follows:

Professor : 8 (eight) Scholars

Associate Professor : 6 (six) Scholars

Assistant Professor : 4 (four) Scholars

11. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GUIDE(S)/RESEARCH SUPERVISORS(S)

The Ph.D. Guide/Supervisor shall carry out the responsibility of guiding/supervising the academic planning/ progress/execution of the plan of the research to be carried out by the Scholars during the entire period of program. He/She will also act as a counselor to the scholar in all academic matters and provides guidance for course work and research, standard and quality of the work and will also monitor the progress of the research.

The Guide shall also ensure the successful and timely completion of the program. It will be necessary that the Ph.D. Guide(s) maintain regular contacts with his/her scholar(s). It will be obligatory on the part of the Guide to give advance intimation to the Scholar(s) in case he/she remains absent from the University/Institution for a continuous period of 3 months or more, and in that case he/she should make appropriate arrangements for continued guidance to the scholar(s) during his/her absence.

12. PROCEDURE FOR CHANGE OF PH.D. GUIDE(S)/SUPERVISOR(S)

In case of continuous absence of the Guide exceeding 6 months or in case the Guide is unable to complete the assignment of guiding a scholar due to the reasons beyond his/her control, a substitute guide may be allotted on the recommendations of RDC out of the available Guides in the university from the relevant subject with the approval of the President.

In case of sad demise or leave/deputation/suspension etc. of the Guide for a continuous period of exceeding one year or his/her resignation from the services of the University, the scholar may be permitted to change the guide on the recommendations of RDC with the approval of the President.

In exceptional or extraordinary circumstances, the Scholar may be permitted to change the Guide or Topic of the research on the recommendations of the RDC with the approval of the President. The recommendations of the RDC to the President shall be routed through the Registrar of the University.

13. PROCEDURE FOR CONDUCT OF THE ENTRANCE TEST

The objective of this Entrance Test shall be to examine the academic competence of the candidate in the broad area of the discipline and also proposed area of work. The candidates who are not exempted from the requirement of appearing at the Entrance Test will be required to appear for this Test which will be of the duration of 120 minutes. The nature of the Entrance Test shall be Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ) and will carry 100 marks. The Entrance Test shall have the following four components: (i) Research Methodology: Weightage 30%, (ii) Functional English Language: Weightage 15%, (iii) Functional knowledge of Computer: Weightage 15%, (iv) Respective subject contents: Weightage 40%.

The component (i) shall have questions on testing on (a) Analytical Ability, (b) Reasoning / Mental Ability, (c) Research Aptitude and (d) ICT and (e) Research related information. Each component shall have equal weightage. Questions in components (ii) and (iii) shall include functional skills aiming at testing the basic knowledge of the candidate. Component (iv) shall be based on the syllabi of core subjects/papers studied at the Master's level. A candidate shall be required to secure at least 50% marks in the written test to qualify for Personal Interview (PI). A relaxation of 5% of marks (from 50% to 45%) shall be allowed for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy

layers)/ Differently-abled category in the entrance test/examination conducted by the University.

14. CONDUCT OF PERSONAL INTERVIEW (PI)

The University shall arrange to conduct the Personal Interviews (PI) of the candidates who have qualified in Entrance Test. Those candidates who are exempted from appearing at the entrance test, will be allowed to appear directly at the PI. The Personal Interview will be conducted by the Admission Committee. After clearing the PI, the candidates will be required to discuss their areas of research interest before the Admission Committee.

15. PREPARATION OF MERIT LIST

The University shall prepare a list of successful candidates for each subject, based on the performance in the Entrance Test and Personal Interview. A weightage of 70% to the Entrance Test and 30% to the performance in the Interview shall be given. The merit list shall be valid for one academic year from the date of its publication. Admissions shall be granted in order of merit against available seats/positions within the validity period of the merit list.

16. REGISTRATION

The candidates selected for admission to the Ph.D. Program, shall submit formal applications to the Registrar of the University along with a non-refundable registration fee as prescribed by the University. The application must include a proposal (of nearly 1000 words) for Ph.D work along with complete bio-data of the candidate and supporting documents within 15 days of the publication of Merit List. The Registrar will issue a certificate for Provisional Registration within 30 days from the date of receiving the applications. The registration will remain valid for a period of 6 years.

17. CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION

Registration of a Research Scholar whose progress is not found to be satisfactory, or who has not reported in person to the Guide for any one semester or who violates the discipline, conduct, Rules, Regulations/Standing Orders of the University is liable to be cancelled. The registration of a Research Scholar who has not submitted his/her thesis by the end of the prescribed/extended period as provided in these ordinances will also be liable to be cancelled.

18. FEES STRUCTURE FOR THE PH.D PROGRAM

Fees Details	Fees Payable (in Rs.)	
	Full-Time Research Scholar	Part-Time Research Scholar
Registration Fees (to be paid only once)	1,000/-	1,000/-
Tuition Fees (Per Term/ Semester)	25,000/-	25,000/-
Course Work Fees (to be paid only once)	10,000/-	10,000/-
Thesis Submission Fees (to be paid only once)	20,000/-	20,000/-

- The Ph.D. Scholar shall have to pay the fees, at the prescribed rates, every year (for two terms/ semesters) till the date of the submission of the Ph.D. thesis.
- The fees mentioned above will be subject to revision/change by the University from time to time.
- The fees once paid shall not be adjusted or refunded under any circumstances even, if the candidate cancels his/her admission.

19. COURSE WORK

The research scholars admitted to the Ph.D Program shall be required to compulsorily undergo a course work for one semester in the concerned subject/broad area of proposed research. The course work shall be treated as Pre-Ph.D preparation. One course on Research Methodology and another on Quantitative Method and Computer Application shall be compulsory for all the candidates. It may also involve reviewing of published research in the relevant field. All research scholars admitted to the Doctoral Program shall complete 3 courses (with minimum of 9 credits) prescribed by the RDC. These courses may be chosen among those offered in the PG Program of the University or may be the special courses specifically designed for the scholars by the RDC and approved by the Academic Council of the University. For the purpose of internal evaluation, there shall be the following two components: i. conducting 5 seminars for 15 marks, ii. 3 tests comprised of 15 marks, total of 30 marks. The syllabus for the course shall be prepared in

such a way that the entire syllabus is covered. The course work shall be undertaken under the guidance of the Guide/Research Supervisor.

20. COMPREHENSIVE WRITTEN EXAMINATION

At the end of the course work, all the research scholars shall have to appear for comprehensive written examination conducted by University with the help of panel of examiners nominated by the RDC in consultation with Registrar of University along with one external examiner as recommended by the Guide and approved by the President.

The passing percentage/standard in the course work shall be 55% of the marks prescribed for the examination. If the performance of the Research Scholar is found to be satisfactory, his/her registration shall be confirmed. If the performance is unsatisfactory he/she shall be given one more opportunity to reappear for the examination within 6 months of the first examination. In case, the research scholar fails to successfully complete the examination within the prescribed time limit, his/her provisional registration shall be cancelled by the University.

21. MONITORING OF THE PROGRESS OF THE RESEARCH SCHOLARS

Every six months commencing from the date of Provisional Registration, a scholar shall submit progress report in the prescribed format to the Guide who shall forward it to the President through the Registrar of the University.

The RDC shall meet at least twice in a year or as and when required for each scholar until the scholar submits the synopsis of his/her thesis and the report of the RDC shall be forwarded to the President through the Registrar of the University.

22. CHANGE OF THE TOPIC AND TITLE

A scholar shall be required to choose and finalize the research title of his work within a period of six months from the date of Provisional Registration in consultation with the Guide. In case he/she desires to change the topic/title in order to achieve the desired objective, he/she may be permitted to change the same on the recommendations of the Guide and RDC and approval of the President.

23. SUBMISSION OF SYNOPSIS

The synopsis of the Ph.D work of the scholar shall be submitted to the President by his/her Guide through the Registrar for consideration. The scholar shall submit the synopsis in English language only except when it is related to an Indian language, where the thesis shall be in the language concerned. In the case of Indian languages, as per the

concerned subject in language, the scholar shall be required to submit the abstract/ findings of the research work of at least 4-5 pages in English language.

After the approval of the research work, covered in the synopsis, by the RDC, the Guide shall forward 5 hard copies of the synopsis of the proposed thesis with a soft copy on CD to the Registrar along with panel of at least 3 names (two from the within the state and one from outside the state) as examiners for adjudication of the Ph.D thesis and a panel of three examiners (two from the within the state and one from outside the state) for Viva-Voce.

24. PRE-SUBMISSION SEMINAR

On completion of the research work for the Ph.D. by a candidate/scholar, the supervisor shall organize a pre-submission seminar, in consultation with the Head of the Department/ Coordinator of the department concerned, to apprise the RDC, teachers and other research scholars of the Department of the work of the candidate/scholar and receive suggestions for improvement of the research work. The RDC shall assess the work of the candidate through this seminar. If the RDC is not satisfied with the quality of the research work of the candidate, then the candidate shall do further work and deliver a fresh seminar after a definite period specified by the RDC. The exact title of the thesis shall be as approved by the RDC after the pre-submission seminar.

If the RDC is satisfied with the pre-submission seminar of the candidate, the Chairman, RDC shall forward the application of the candidate for submission of the thesis along with a certificate about the pre-seminar seminar and the exact title of the thesis to the Registrar with a copy to the Dean concerned.

25. SUBMISSION OF THE THESIS

The research scholar shall, within 6 months of submission of the synopsis, prepare thesis in accordance with the format and specification prescribed. The thesis shall highlight, in an organized and scholarly manner, the original contribution made in the research work of the candidate. The scholar shall submit the Ph.D. thesis in English language only except when it is related to an Indian language, where the thesis shall be in the language concerned. He/She shall submit 5 hard copies of the thesis along with soft copy on CD to the Registrar of the University through proper channel. Under no circumstances, the submission of the Thesis shall be delayed except under special circumstances, where an extension of three months may be granted by the President on the recommendations of the Guide and Registrar. The research scholars shall publish one

research paper in a referred Journal along with coursework completion certificate before submission of the thesis for adjudication and produce evidence for the same in the form of a acceptance letter or the reprint.

26. ADJUDICATION/EVALUATION OF THESIS

The thesis shall be referred to two examiners (one from the state and one from outside the state) nominated by the President from among the panel of the examiners recommended by the Guide.

The President, if he deems it necessary, may also nominate examiners from outside the panel provided by the Guide. Every scholar shall submit with his/her thesis, a certificate in the prescribed form from the Guide under whom he/she has worked to the effect that the thesis submitted is a record of original research work done by the scholar during the period of study under his/her guidance/supervision and that the thesis has not previously found the basis for the award to the candidate of any Degree, Diploma or other similar title and it represents independent research work carried out by the Scholar.

The Registrar shall arrange to take such steps as deemed necessary to enable the reports of the examiners to be received as quickly as possible. In the case of undue delay in receiving the report from the examiner, the Registrar may refer the thesis to the second examiner selected by the President after waiting for three months and ensuring that the first examiner is not expected to respond within a reasonable period of time.

The examiner shall include, in his report, an overall assessment placing the thesis in one of the following categories:

- i. Recommended for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy: Commended/highly commended.
- ii. Recommended that the candidate revises the thesis as suggested in the report and the revised thesis be referred to the guide for verification.
- iii. Recommended that the candidate revises the thesis as suggested in the report and the revised thesis be sent to the examiner for revaluation.
- iv. Not recommended.

The examiner shall enclose a report of 200 to 300 words, indicating the standard attained in case (i), the nature of revision in case (ii) or (iii) and the reasons for rejection in case (iv).

On receipt of the reports from the examiners, the following procedure shall be adopted:

- i. If both the examiners recommend the award of the Degree, the thesis shall be provisionally accepted. Any minor revision, modification etc., suggested by the examiners shall be got carried out before the oral examination.
- ii. If any examiner recommends revision of the thesis, the scholar shall be permitted to revise and resubmit the thesis within 6 months. The revised thesis shall be referred to the same examiner, if the examiner has insisted on the University to send the thesis back to him/her after revision for offering his/her final recommendation on the thesis. In such a case the examiner should offer his/her comments for the second time either as recommended for the award or rejection. In case, the examiner did not insist on sending the thesis back to him/her, then the University may refer the revised thesis to the Guide for verification.
- iii. If one examiner recommends the award of the Degree while the other recommends rejection, then the thesis shall be referred to a third examiner to be nominated by the President. If the third examiner recommends the award, the thesis shall be provisionally accepted. Otherwise, the thesis shall be rejected and the registration of the candidate cancelled.
- iv. If both examiners recommend rejection, the thesis shall be rejected and the registration of the candidate be cancelled.
- v. Individual cases not covered by these provisions shall be referred to the President for his final decision.

27. VIVA-VOCE (ORAL-EXAMINATION)

After the thesis is recommended for the award of the Degree by the examiners, the scholar shall undergo a Viva-Voce (Oral Examination) where he/she shall defend the research work covered in the thesis. The Guide shall fix the date and time for the Viva-Voce in consultation with the external examiner appointed by the President for conducting the Viva-Voce.

The Scholar shall make a presentation about his/her research work. After the presentation, the external examiner and the guide shall conduct the Viva-Voce. Oral Examination shall be conducted as Open Defense Type Examination. If the Scholar is successful in the viva-voce examination, the external examiner and the guide shall consolidate the recommendations and submit the same to the Registrar of the University in the prescribed format, for approval of the President for award of the Degree.

The Scholar, who is successful in the Viva-Voce Examination, shall be declared to have qualified for the award of the Ph.D Degree. If the scholar does not satisfy the examiners at the Viva-Voce Examination, he/ she shall be re-examined after a period of not less than three months. The Scholar shall not be declared eligible for award of Degree unless the examiners unanimously declare him/her eligible for the Degree.

28. AWARD OF PH.D. DEGREE

On receipt of the positive report on the Viva-Voce examination, the research scholar will become eligible for award of Ph.D Degree after fulfilling the academic requirements prescribed by the University. The title of the Ph.D Thesis and subject/faculty shall be mentioned in the notification. The Ph.D Degree shall be awarded in the next convocation. If the thesis is recommended for award of the Ph.D Degree, after the Viva-Voce, the Registrar with the approval of the President shall declare the result.

A provisional Degree certificate to the effect that the scholar has become eligible for award of the Ph.D Degree and stating that the Degree has been awarded in accordance with the provisions of UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for award of M.Phil/Ph.D Degree) Regulations, 2016, as amended from time to time, shall also be issued in favour of the Scholar on announcement of the award of Ph.D Degree.

29. THE ACT OF PLAGIARISM

If a research scholar is found to have copied a research work/dissertation/thesis of Ph.D. Degree, his/her thesis shall be rejected and research registration shall be terminated and fees paid forfeited. Also he/she shall be debarred from registering for any other program in the University.

30. RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES

Any doubt or dispute arising out of the interpretation of these Ordinances shall be referred to the President of the University, whose decision shall be final and binding upon all the parties.

31. DEPOSITORY WITH INFLIBNET CENTRE/UGC

After the successful completion of the evaluation and announcement process of the award of Ph.D Degree, the University shall submit a soft copy of the Ph.D thesis to the INFLIBNET Centre/UGC within a period of 30 days for hosting the same on its network accessible to all Institutions/Universities.

32. CHANGE OF/AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCES

The University reserves the right to revise, amend, alter or change any of the provisions of these Ordinances, from time to time, with due approval of the competent authority.

