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PREAMBLE

Exploration of new knowledge through research is one of the key requirements of any higher education system. Technologies in the field of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine learning (ML) have been impacting every field. Researchers around the world are actively engaged in developing innovative solutions to problems using AI and ML concepts. Kishkinda University aims to lay a solid foundation to create the next generation of creative researchers in all fields of Science Technology and Management. Aligning with the National Education Policy (NEP) Kishkinda University offers modern teaching – learning system where students are continuously engaged in search of novelties in their chosen field of study. Our research programs are based on **“Imagination and giving shape to imagination”** so that novelty is emphasized. According to NEP 2020, in future Universities need to produce increasingly creative thinkers, so that they take the frontline in developing solutions to unknown challenging problems of tomorrow which benefits humanity in some way.

Research Regulations RR2024 is a document that helps every researcher understand the process starting from registration to the award of the Ph.D. degree. We urge every aspirant to run through the RR2024 material to understand the finer aspects of the Ph.D. program of Kishkinda University. We welcome doctoral degree aspirants to join us and experience the world of passionate Research and Innovation at Kishkinda University.

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Regulations Governing the Doctor of Philosophy [Ph.D.]

1.0 Short Title, Extent and Commencement		
1	These regulations shall be called “Regulations Governing the Ph.D. Programme of Kishkinda University – RR 2024”.	
2	They shall come into force from the date of their approval by the Board of Management.	
3	These Regulations shall be read in conjunction with the Act, Statutes, Academic Regulations and other notifications of the University.	
4	These Regulations shall be applicable to the students admitted to the Ph.D. programme of Kishkinda University from the academic year 2024-25 onwards.	
2.0 Definitions		
In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:		
i)	Act	The Kishkinda University Act, 2023 (Karnataka Act No. 20 of 2023).
ii)	University	Kishkinda University (KU), Ballari, established under the Karnataka State Act 20 of 2023 as defined in the University Grants Commission Act, 1956.
iii)	Statutes	The Statutes of Kishkinda University, notified by the Board of Governors.
iv)	Campus	A campus established and maintained by the University.
v)	Authorities of the University	The Chancellor, Pro Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, Registrar Evaluation, Finance Officer
vi)	Dean	Dean of respective faculty
vii)	Committees	The committees formed by the various authorities and officers of the University.
viii)	Various Committees	The Board of Governors, Board of Management, Academic Council, and Finance Committee, of the University.
ix)	Ph.D.	The Doctor of Philosophy
x)	Government	The Government of Karnataka
xi)	Regulations	The Regulations of the University, notified by the Board of Management.
xii)	Notification	A notification issued by the concerned Statutory Officer of the University.
xiii)	Programme	A higher education programme pursued for a degree awarded by the University as specified under Section 22 (3) of the UGC Act.
xiv)	Course	One of the subjects either theory or practical, identified by its title and code number, which comprises a Programme of Study.

xv)	Degree	A degree awarded by the University.
xvi)	Credit	Credit earned by a student after a successful completion of a credited course.
xvii)	Student	A person admitted to and pursuing a specified Programme of study in the University
xviii)	Teacher/ Course Instructor	A faculty appointed for imparting instruction and research guidance to students in the University and the Teacher instructing a course
xix)	CGPA & SGPA	Respectively Cumulative Grade Point Average and Semester Grade Point Average.
xx)	Examination Hall	Where theory examinations are conducted and the laboratory or workshop where practical examinations are conducted.
xxi)	Convocation	The convocation of the University, where Degrees, honorary Degrees, Diplomas, Academic Distinctions, and Certificates are awarded as per requirements of the University.
xxii)	RAC	Research Admission Committee
xxiii)	DC	Doctoral Committee

3.0 Nomenclature and Duration		
3.1	Nomenclature	The degree shall be called the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) and the degree certificate, in the prescribed format, shall indicate only the title of thesis.
3.2	Duration of the Ph.D. Programme	1. The Programme shall be for a minimum duration of THREE academic years and a maximum duration of SIX academic years. The duration of the programme shall be considered from the date of admission, until the date of submission of thesis. However, an extension of not exceeding TWO years may be granted by the Registrar Evaluation, on the recommendation of Doctoral Committee and the approval of the Vice Chancellor, in blocks of SIX months at a time. The candidates shall pay the prescribed fees during the period of extension. 2. A Maximum of an additional two (2) years can be given through a process of re-registration as per the Statutes / Ordinance of the Higher Educational Institution concerned provided however the total period of completion of Ph.D. Program should not exceed 8 years from the date of admission. 3. 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 Programmes. 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.
3.3		Medium of instruction and the language of the thesis shall be English, except in those faculties of study where other languages are permitted by the Academic Council.

4.0 Formation and Functions of Committees		
The University shall have the following Committees for the Ph.D. Programme: i) Research Admissions Committee (RAC) ii) Doctoral Committee (DC) and iii) Thesis Viva -Voce Committee		
4.1	4.1.1	Research Admissions Committees shall be constituted by the Vice Chancellor for each Faculty of Study consisting of: Dean of Research & Innovation or his/her nominee – Chairperson Dean of concerned Faculty – Member(3) Nominee of the Academic Council – Member(2)
	4.1.2	In the case of non-availability of the Dean of respective faculty, the Vice Chancellor may nominate one among the other Deans or a senior faculty to the Research Admissions Committee for that Faculty of study.
	4.1.3	The Research Admissions Committee shall be responsible for the notification of intake, getting the entrance test(s) conducted, the merit list(s) prepared, interview(s) for candidates organized, the reservation policy followed and such other tasks connected with the admission of the candidates for the Ph.D Programme.
	4.1.4	The tenure of the Committee shall be TWO years and the constitution of the Committee shall be aligned with the academic year of the University. The Committee shall meet as often as required.
4.2	4.2.1 Doctoral Committee	A Doctoral Committee shall be constituted for each candidate by the Dean of Research & Innovation with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor, based on the recommendation of the Research Supervisor and Research Co-Supervisor, if any. The composition of the Doctoral Committee for each candidate shall be: Dean of Research & Innovation or his/her nominee – Chairperson Research Supervisor – Member Secretary Research Co-Supervisor, if any – Member ONE Teacher, with Ph.D. qualification, from the concerned Faculty of Study nominated by the Dean of Faculty - Member One member with Ph.D. qualification from outside the University, preferably from reputed institutions of higher learning / industry / research organization – Member (Optional)
	4.2.2	The Doctoral Committee for each candidate shall be set up with members from the University within ONE month of the date of Provisional admission of the candidate.

	4.2.3	Atleast one member from outside the University shall be added to complete the Committee any time within ONE year of the date of admission.
	4.2.4	If the Dean of Research & Innovation or his/her nominee is not available for a meeting of the Doctoral Committee, the Research Supervisor shall chair the meeting.
	4.2.5	The Doctoral Committee shall meet at least once in six (6) months.
	4.2.6	The constitution and proceedings of the meetings of the Doctoral Committee for each candidate shall be forwarded to the Registrar Evaluation and the Dean of Research & Innovation by the Research Supervisor. The Doctoral Committee shall be responsible for reviewing and monitoring the research progress of the candidate from the date of its constitution till submission of the Thesis.
	4.2.7	Any request for the change of Doctoral Committee by a candidate shall be submitted in writing to the Dean of Research & Innovation, with necessary supporting documents, which may be approved by the Vice Chancellor. The reconstituted Doctoral Committee shall be as per these regulations.
4.3	Thesis Viva Voce Committee	The Thesis Viva- Voce Committee, for each candidate, shall consist of Dean of Research & Innovation, atleast one external examiner who has reviewed the thesis and the Research supervisor who is the Chairperson of the Adjudication panel. The Committee shall conduct the thesis Open Viva Voce for the candidate in connection with the defense of the thesis, prepare a consolidated report certifying the satisfactory completion or otherwise in the prescribed format for the consideration of the Academic Council.

5.0 Classification of Candidates and Requirements		
5.1	Classification	(a) Internal Part-Time: Candidates working at Kishkinda University, pursuing Ph.D. while discharging normal duties. (b) External Part-Time: Candidates discharging normal duties at their parent organization and registered for Ph.D. degree at Kishkinda University. (c) Full-Time: Candidates pursuing Ph.D. on a full-time basis at the University. (d) Others: Candidates belonging to Non-Resident Indian (NRI) / Person of Indian Origin (PIO) / Foreign Nationals (FN) categories shall have passed the UG and PG degree programmes (approved by GOI) and have proficiency in English language.
5.2	5.2.1 Study leave / Employment / Clearances	Candidates having employment, who take up Ph.D. programme on a full-time basis, shall produce a certificate from their employer(s) / organization(s) for having sanctioned study leave for a minimum period of THREE years, along with the " No Objection Certificate (NOC) ". External part time candidates shall produce "No Objection Certificate (NOC)" from their employer / Organization.
	5.2.2	Candidates not having employment, who wish to take up Ph.D. Programme on a full-time basis, are required to submit an undertaking to the effect that they shall not take up any employment during the period of Ph.D. except availing of research assistantships / Scholarships / fellowships / stipends, if any.
	5.2.3	NRI / PIO / FN shall hold valid visa, clearance from the agencies as mandated by the GOI.

6.0 Eligibility for Admission		
6.1	6.1.1 Minimum Qualifications	The minimum academic qualifications to be satisfied by the candidates seeking admission to the Ph.D. Programme shall be:
		A post-graduate degree and an Under-Graduate degree in a related field of study from a recognized University, with a minimum of 55% aggregate marks (or equivalent grade point average) at both UG and PG levels.
	6.1.2	The eligibility to admissions shall be a Post Graduate/ Master's degree from a UGC recognized University, there is no provision for direct admission for candidates with only an Under Graduate degree.
	6.1.3	Candidates who have pursued Master's degree which is UGC approved program as well as UGC approved University shall be eligible for admission to the Ph.D. programme.
	6.1.4	Candidates who have appeared and are awaiting their final semester of post-graduate results are eligible to apply for admission subject to fulfilment of other admission requirements.
6.2	Relaxation of Minimum Requirements	A candidate belonging to SC / ST / Category-I / Physically challenged and any other reserved category as notified by GOK from time to time shall have: A post-graduate degree and an under-graduate degree in a related field of study from a recognized University, with a minimum of 50% aggregate marks (or equivalent grade point average) at both UG and PG levels.

7.0 Admission Procedure		
7.1		Admissions for the Ph.D. programme shall be open round the year with the processing of applications being carried out atleast once in six months by the Dean Research & Innovation. Ph.D admission notification shall also be made every six months in leading Newspapers and social media.
7.2		A candidate shall submit an application to the Research Admissions Committee in the prescribed format, with: a) Relevant supporting documents (degree certificates, marks cards, etc.) b) A Statement of Purpose and c) Proof of payment of the prescribed fee. Candidates with a KUSAT / GRE / GATE / CAT / UGC / CSIR-NET/ NBHM score or equivalent shall be given preference. Those who scored 50% marks are eligible to be called for interview.
7.3		The Research Admissions Committee shall decide on the suitability of a candidate considering the eligibility criteria, performance in entrance test and interview. 70% weightage is given to entrance test score and 30% weightage is given to interview performance, based on this a merit list is prepared. The decision of the Admission Committee shall be final and binding.
7.4		The Research Admissions Committee shall arrange for interaction between the candidates selected for provisional Ph.D. registration and the possible Research Supervisor(s). The committee shall identify and allot a Research Supervisor and Research Co-Supervisor, if any, to each selected candidate with mutual concurrence.
7.5		The selected candidates shall provisionally be admitted to the Ph.D. programme, after he/she pays the prescribed fees and fulfils all the admission requirements as indicated in the letter of admission.
7.6		If, at any time after the admission, it is found that a candidate has not fulfilled all the requirements stipulated in the letter of admission, the Research Admissions Committee may revoke the admission of the candidate with the approval of the Vice Chancellor.

8.0 Transfer / Migration of Candidates		
	8.1	Transfer / Migration from a Ph.D. programme of other recognized Universities / Institutions shall be possible only for an eligible student, as specified by the Research Admissions Committee. The Research Admissions Committee shall establish the equivalency of the credits that is eligible to be transferred from the existing university. For such transfer/migration, only the credits for the coursework shall be transferable. Further, such a candidate shall submit a “ No Objection Certificate ” from the previous University / Research Centre.
	8.2	Transfer / Migration of a candidate to a Ph.D. programme of the University shall be permitted only if there is availability and concurrence of Research Supervisors in the concerned Faculty of Study. Such candidates are required to successfully complete the Defense.
	8.3	Any candidate interested in transferring out or discontinuing the Ph.D. programme of the University, before the completion of duration, shall be liable to pay the balance tuition fee for minimum period of the programme. After fulfilling these requirements, the Registrar shall make arrangements to issue a "No Objection Certificate" to such a candidate on the recommendation of the Registrar Evaluation and with the approval of the Vice Chancellor.
9.0 Recognition, Functioning and Change of Research Supervisor		
9.1	9.1 Eligibility for recognition as Research Supervisor	Any regular Professor of the University with atleast Five Research publications in refereed journals and any regular Associate / Assistant Professor of the University with a Ph.D. degree and atleast Two Research publications in referred journals may be recognized as Research Supervisor. Provided that in areas / disciplines where there is no or only a limited number of refereed journals, the University may relax the above condition for recognition of a person as Research Supervisor with reasons recorded in writing.
9.2	9.2.1 Procedure for Recognition	Only a Full time regular teacher of the University can act as a supervisor. However, Co-Supervisor can be allowed from other UGC recognized reputed University / Institutions or reputed industry with approval of the Doctoral Committee. The list of selected Research Supervisors shall be notified by the University after their consideration by the Research & Innovation Council and approval by the Board of Management.
	9.2.2	Acceptance for supervision of Ph.D. Students at other Universities by Research Supervisor or Co-Supervisor who are Teachers of the University shall be with the written permission of the Dean of Research & Innovation.

	9.2.3	In the absence of supervision of at least one Ph.D. Candidate in the preceding five years, the recognition given to a Research Supervisor shall stand automatically cancelled. However, such persons shall be eligible to seek fresh recognition from the University.
9.3	Number of Candidates per Research Supervisor	The following norms / procedure shall be strictly adhered to while assigning the Research Supervisors to the candidates admitted to a Research programme. (a) A Research Supervisor/Co-Supervisor who is a Professor, at any given point of time, cannot guide more than and eight (8) Ph.D. scholars. (b) An Associate Professor as Research Supervisor can guide up to a maximum of six (6) Ph.D. Scholars. (c) An Assistant Professor as Research Supervisor can guide up to a maximum of four (4) Ph.D. scholars. (d) The students who have completed the thesis defense shall not be considered while counting the number of candidates assigned to a Research Supervisor.
9.4	Functioning of a Research Supervisor/ Research Co-Supervisor:	A Research Supervisor / Co- Supervisor shall be the key person in the Ph.D. programme of his/her candidate. Research Supervisor shall be responsible for providing help, support and mentoring to enable the candidate to complete the proposed research work and produce a thesis to the best of the candidate's ability. Research Supervisor is to help candidates achieve their scholastic potential and to conduct Doctoral Committee as well as thesis Viva Voce Committee meetings. Research Supervisor shall interact with the candidate ensuring reasonable commitment, accessibility, professionalism, guidance and consistent encouragement. Research Supervisor shall be available to help the candidates at every stage, from formulation of their research problems through establishing methodologies and discussing results to submission of thesis that meets the standards of the University and the academic discipline.
9.5	9.5.1 Change of Research Supervisor/ Research Co- Supervisor	The request by a candidate for change of Research Supervisor and/or Co-Supervisor shall be permitted by the University under exceptional circumstances on the endorsement / recommendation by the Doctoral Committee. The request letter should be submitted to Dean of Research & Innovation.
	9.5.2	In the cases like transfer, retirement, or resignation of the Research Supervisor / Co-Supervisor before the candidate's submission of the Thesis, the Vice Chancellor may permit the candidate to continue to work under the same Research Supervisor / Co- Supervisor or in exceptional cases, permit an alternative arrangement with the consent of the Doctoral Committee.

10.0	Handling of Conflict	In the case of any conflict between the Research Supervisor and / or Co-Supervisor and the candidate, the Dean of Research & Innovation, on receipt of request letter from either of the parties or both, shall refer the matter to the Vice-Chancellor. The Vice-Chancellor shall constitute a Conflict Handling Committee to examine the case and submit its report. The decision of the Vice-Chancellor shall be final and binding.
11.0	Structure of the Ph.D. Programme	A candidate provisionally admitted to the Ph.D. programme of the University shall undergo the following stages: i) Prescribed coursework ii) Comprehensive examination iii) Publication of research papers as prescribed iv) Pre-synopsis open seminar v) Submission of synopsis, in the prescribed format vi) Submission of Thesis in the prescribed format vii) Evaluation of the Thesis viii) Submission of the revised Thesis, incorporating the modifications/corrections as suggested by the reviewers, if any. ix) Viva voce for the Thesis defense and Award of Provisional Degree Certificate and award of Degree Certificate.
12.0 Qualifying Examination		
12.0	12.1 Comprehensive Examination	A candidate shall successfully complete Comprehensive examination conducted by the Faculty of Study, within 18 months from the date of provisional admission. The syllabus for the comprehensive examination shall be from the course work approved by the Doctoral Committee. The comprehensive examination consists of oral PPT Presentation and Viva Voce on the subjects studied. The passing standards for the comprehensive examinations shall be either qualified or disqualified. A maximum of TWO attempts shall be given for a candidate to successfully complete the comprehensive examination.
	12.2	If a candidate does not successfully complete the comprehensive examination even after two attempts, the provisional registration of the candidate shall stand annulled. However, such a candidate may reapply to a Ph.D. programme offered by a different faculty of study by restarting the application process.

13.0 Coursework																						
13.0	13.1 Coursework for candidates with PG qualification	A candidate with PG qualification shall register for THREE courses having not less than FOUR credits each prescribed by the Doctoral Committee and successfully complete those courses, in addition to the mandatory courses, a FOUR credit course on Research Methodology need to be taken by the candidate.																				
	13.2 Mode of Coursework	(a) The prescribed courses shall be of the PG level offered by the concerned Faculty of Study, and preferably related to the area of research. The research supervisor can also approve selected courses from NPTEL / SWAYAM portals to register and take exams. (b) In the event of University not offering the relevant Master's degree courses, the syllabi for such courses shall be framed by the Research Supervisor in consultation with the Doctoral Committee, which shall be approved by the Board of Studies and Academic Council. Such courses shall be deemed to be guided self-study courses. (c) The Registrar Evaluation shall make necessary arrangements to conduct the examinations for the coursework, associated evaluation and announcement of results. (d) In case of inter-disciplinary research, a candidate from one programme of study may take PG level courses offered from another programme of study with the approval of Doctoral Committee.																				
	13.3 Passing Standards for Coursework	(a) For successful completion of the Coursework, a candidate shall obtain a minimum of "B" grade in each Course. The grading for the Ph.D. coursework shall be done separately and as follows: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Marks</th><th>Letter Grade</th><th>Level</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>90-100</td><td>O</td><td>Outstanding</td></tr> <tr> <td>80-89</td><td>A+</td><td>Excellent</td></tr> <tr> <td>70-79</td><td>A</td><td>Very Good</td></tr> <tr> <td>60-69</td><td>B+</td><td>Good</td></tr> <tr> <td>50-59</td><td>B</td><td>Satisfactory</td></tr> <tr> <td>50<</td><td>R</td><td>Repeat</td></tr> </tbody> </table> The University shall have the provision to issue Grade Card(s) to the candidates for the Coursework.	Marks	Letter Grade	Level	90-100	O	Outstanding	80-89	A+	Excellent	70-79	A	Very Good	60-69	B+	Good	50-59	B	Satisfactory	50<	R
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14.0 Confirmation of Ph.D. Registration		
14.0	14.1	The registration of a Ph.D. candidate shall be confirmed by the Registrar Evaluation only upon the successful completion of the comprehensive examination and the coursework.
	14.2	A candidate shall register with the University every semester by paying the prescribed fees, until the submission of the thesis.
	14.3	It is the responsibility of the candidate to regularly update his/her Doctoral Committee regarding the progress of research work. This shall be suitably recorded and documented and shall be sent to the Dean of Research & Innovation and the Registrar Evaluation at the end of each Academic Semester.
15.0 Progress Reports, Periodic Review and Research Credits		
15.0	15.1	A full-time candidate shall report to the Research Supervisor / Research Co-Supervisor on a regular basis and carry out research work as planned. A part-time candidate shall report to the Research Supervisor / Research Co-Supervisor as often as required.
	15.2	The Doctoral Committee shall periodically review the research progress of the candidate, at least twice in a year until the submission of the Thesis. Each candidate shall submit a research progress report in the prescribed format to the Doctoral Committee, two weeks prior to the schedule of the doctoral committee meeting. The half-yearly progress report shall cover the aspects such as, the new literature survey, if any, new data collected/obtained, techniques developed, progress in research, discussion of the work done during the review period, new findings and work plan for the future. A list of research papers prepared / submitted / published, if any, shall also be mentioned. The candidate shall make oral presentation of the research progress before the Doctoral Committee. The Research Supervisor on behalf of the Doctoral Committee shall communicate the satisfactory research progress of the candidate to the Registrar Evaluation.
	15.3 Cancellation of Registration on the Grounds of Poor Research Progress	The Doctoral Committee may recommend the cancellation of Ph.D. registration of a candidate if two consecutive research progress reports are adjudged to be unsatisfactory or not submitted. Before recommending for cancellation of registration to the Vice Chancellor, the Doctoral Committee shall issue a show-cause notice to the candidate, seeking his/her explanation. On the cancellation of registration, if any, the candidate may appeal to the Vice Chancellor for revocation with valid reasons. The decision of the Vice Chancellor in this regard shall be final and binding.

16.0 Minimum Publication Requirement		
16.0	16.1	A candidate shall have at least two papers published / accepted for publication in a referred journal or equivalent as approved by the Doctoral Committee, before submitting his/her thesis. The publications shall be based on the research work pursued by the candidate towards the Ph.D. degree.
	16.2	The candidate shall include his/her affiliation with Kishkinda University in all publications in addition to his/her other affiliations, if any.
	16.3	The Doctoral Committee, after due consideration, may recognize filed or granted patent applications in lieu of one publication requirement. However, the patent process should have been successfully completed the publication stage.
17.0 Submission and Defense of Synopsis		
17.0	17.1 Eligibility	Upon successful completion of the Coursework, the Comprehensive Examination, Open Seminar, Satisfactory research progress and minimum publication requirements, the candidate shall be eligible to submit the Synopsis.
	17.2 Submission of Synopsis	At least two months prior to the probable date of submission of the Thesis, the eligible candidate shall submit the Synopsis in the prescribed format to the Doctoral Committee, through the Research Supervisor. The Synopsis shall be submitted along with a certificate from the Research Supervisor(s) stating that Coursework, Comprehensive Examination, Open Seminar, minimum publication requirements and all other academic requirements are fulfilled and a certificate from the Registrar Evaluation that there are no arrears or dues. The Supervisor also has to submit a list of minimum four examiners from India and minimum four examiners from abroad as experts and working in same research domain to the Dean Research & Innovation who will forward it to Registrar Evaluation.
	17.3 Synopsis defense	(a) A candidate upon submission of the Synopsis, shall defend the same before the Doctoral Committee demonstrating his/her preparedness to submit the Thesis. The synopsis defense shall be of open seminar type. (b) If the Doctoral Committee is not satisfied with the research work of the candidate, it may, in concurrence with the Research Supervisor(s), recommend improvements. In such a case, the candidate shall defend the Synopsis again before the Doctoral Committee as an open seminar, within a period of SIX months.

	17.4 Permission for Submission of Thesis	The Doctoral Committee shall permit the candidate to submit the Thesis considering the research work of the candidate, his / her performance at the Synopsis defense and other aforementioned requirements.
18.0 Submission of Thesis		
18.0	18.1	The candidate shall submit one hard copy of the Thesis along with a soft copy in the prescribed format within TWO months from the date of successful Synopsis Defense along with (a) an application for adjudication of the Thesis and (b) undertakings from the candidate as well as Research Supervisor(s), as applicable, mentioning that: <i>“The Thesis is based on the individual, original work of the candidate, which is previously unpublished work. The Thesis does not contain any work which has been previously submitted for the award of any degree anywhere. The Thesis does not contain any material that infringes on the copyright/intellectual property rights of any other individual or organization and does not hurt the sentiments of any individual(s) or religion(s). Any text, tables, equations, diagrams, figures, charts, graphs, and photographs included in the Thesis which have been taken from sources like research papers, books, periodicals, Web sites or others have been cited appropriately. Further, the opinions expressed or implied in the Thesis are entirely those of the candidate.”</i>
	18.2	In case the candidate is unable to submit the Thesis within the stipulated time from the date of submission of the Synopsis, he / she may seek extension of time, up to a maximum of THREE months, from the Registrar Evaluation on the recommendation of the Doctoral Committee.
	18.3	The candidate shall also pay the prescribed Thesis submission fees, and produce the “No Dues Certificate” from the Registrar Evaluation while submitting the Thesis.

19.0 Thesis Evaluation and Defense		
19.0	19.1	The Thesis submitted by a research scholar shall be evaluated by his/her Research Supervisor/Co- Supervisor and atleast two external examiners, who are not in employment of the University, of whom one examiner may be from outside the country. The examiners shall complete the review and send the report within three months from the date of sending the thesis to the concerned examiner. In case any external examiner fails to submit the review within the time specified, the Thesis shall be sent to another examiner out of approved panel of examiners for evaluation.
	19.2 Scheduling of open viva-voce for Thesis defense	Based on the thesis evaluation report, the <i>viva-voce</i> examination shall be conducted by the Dean of Research & Innovation, Research Supervisor and at least one of the two external examiners. Examination shall be open to be attended by Members of the Doctoral Committee, all faculty members of the Department, other research scholars and other interested experts/researchers. The candidate shall address all the queries from any member of the audience at the time of the open viva-voce. Any modifications/corrections suggested during the open viva-voce shall be incorporated in the Thesis in consultation with the Doctoral Committee before the final submission.
	19.3	The public viva-voce of the research scholar to defend the Ph.D. thesis shall be conducted only if the evaluation reports of the external examiners on the thesis are satisfactory and include a specific recommendation for conducting the viva-voce examination. If the evaluation report of one of the external examiner in case of Ph.D. thesis, is unsatisfactory and does not recommend <i>viva-voce</i> , the University shall send the thesis to another external examiner out of the approved panel of examiners and the <i>viva-voce</i> 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 thesis shall be rejected and the research scholar shall be declared ineligible for the award of the degree.

20.0 Eligibility for the Award of Ph.D. Degree:

A Candidate shall be declared to be eligible for the award of the Ph.D. degree if he/she has fulfilled:

- Credit compliance for coursework as prescribed by the Faculty of Study within the stipulated maximum time duration.
- Successful completion of comprehensive examination.
- Compliance with publications requirement.
- Successful completion of Pre-Synopsis Open Seminar.
- Submission of Synopsis.
- Submission of Thesis.
- Successful defense of the Thesis in the open viva-voce with favorable recommendation from examiners.
- Submission of final revised Thesis incorporating the modifications/corrections, if any as suggested by examiners.
- Minimum duration requirement of THREE years.
- No pending disciplinary action and no dues of any kind to the University.

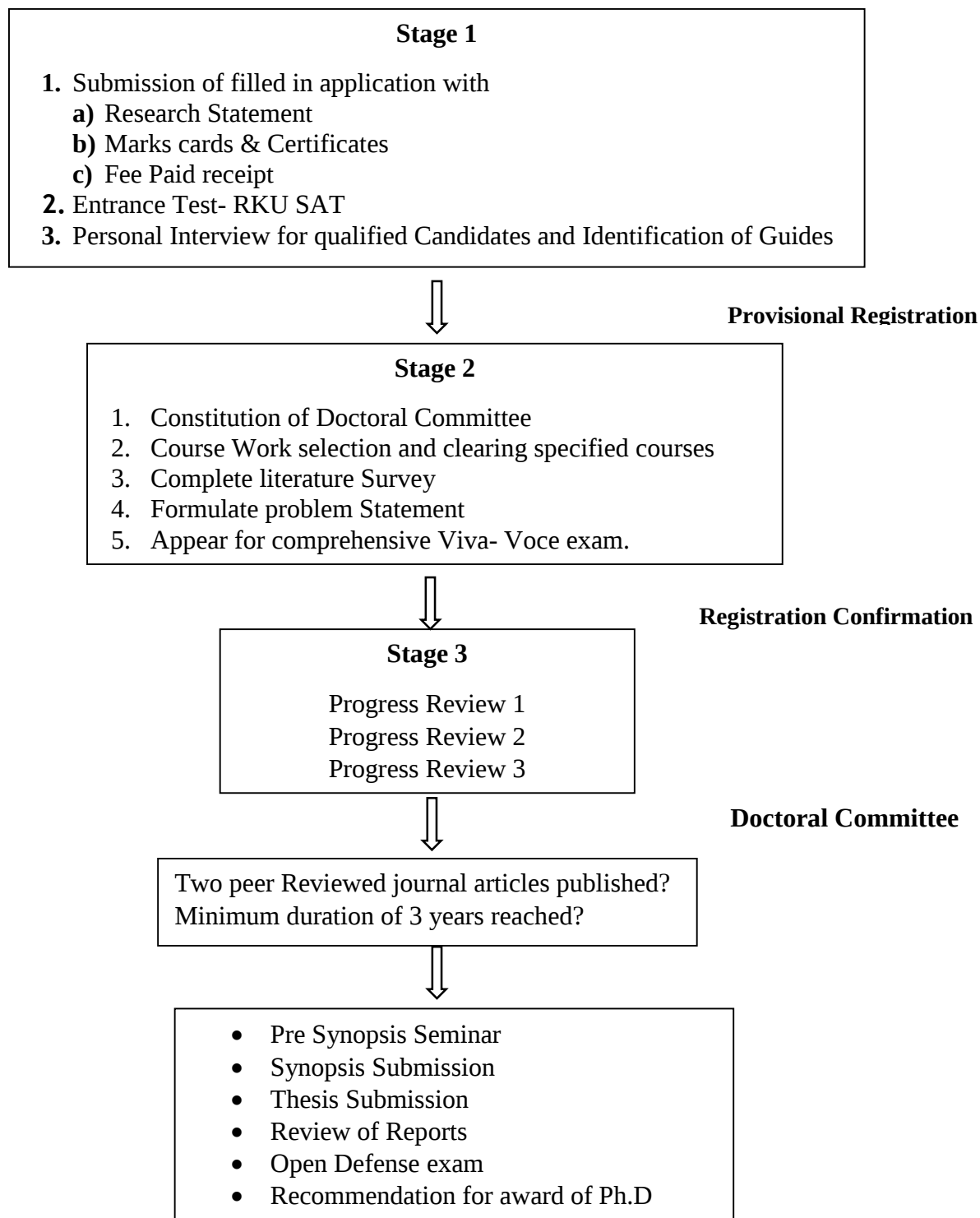
21.0	Award of Degree	After the Thesis defense in the open viva-voce and submission of the Thesis in its final form, the Doctoral Committee shall recommend in the prescribed format to the Dean of Research & Innovation for the award of degree to the candidate. The candidate shall be given a Provisional Degree Certificate by the Registrar Evaluation, upon successful completion of all requirements, submission of application for degree certificate in the prescribed format and payment of prescribed fees. The candidate shall be given a Degree Certificate, upon successful completion of all requirements, submission of application for degree certificate in prescribed format and payment of prescribed fees at the ensuing Convocation.
22.0	Leave of Absence	A leave of absence of not exceeding ONE year may be granted to a candidate upon a written request on the grounds such as ill-health and calamity in the family which may be approved by the Registrar Evaluation, on the recommendation by the Research Supervisor and the Doctoral Committee.
23.0	Discontinuation and Exit Option	A candidate who wishes to discontinue the Ph.D. programme may write to the Registrar Evaluation with valid reasons, which may be recommended by the Doctoral Committee and approved by the Vice Chancellor. Such a candidate shall be given a certificate mentioning the number of credits the candidate has fulfilled under each category at the time of discontinuance.

24.0 Discipline and Ethics		
24.0	24.1	Every candidate for the Ph.D. Programme shall maintain the discipline and decorous behavior both inside and outside the Campus and shall not indulge in any activity that could bring down the reputation of the University. Any act of indiscipline of a candidate shall be referred to the University Discipline Committee for inquiry and necessary disciplinary action, if any.
	24.2	The Registrar, with the approval of the Vice Chancellor, may suspend a candidate from the programme, pending inquiry depending on prima facie evidence.
	24.3	Any act of unethical practices including plagiarism by the candidate (as determined by the concerned Doctoral Committee, Dean of Research & Innovation, the Registrar Evaluation or the Registrar and the like) shall automatically result in the dismissal of such a candidate from the programme and his/her admission stands cancelled. Further, such a candidate shall not be eligible to apply for any programme of study offered by the University.
	24.4	In the event of complaints from any source and the Thesis being proved to be copied, plagiarized, mis represented academically or the result of any other unethical practices, the University shall have the right to rescind the degree at any time. Such candidates shall not be eligible for registering for any programme at the University.
	24.5	A candidate may appeal against the disciplinary action taken against him/her to the Vice-Chancellor, whose decision shall be final and binding.
25.0 Intellectual Property		
25.0	25.1	A candidate shall not publish his/her Thesis as a whole without specific written permission from the University.
	25.2	Any intellectual property resulting from the research work of the candidate shall be the joint rights of the candidate, members of the Doctoral Committee where applicable, and Kishkinda University.

26.0 Repeal and Savings		
26.0	26.1	Notwithstanding anything contained in these Clause Regulations, the provisions of any guidelines, orders, rules or regulations in force at the University shall be inapplicable to the extent of their inconsistency with these Regulations.
	26.2	The University shall issue such orders / instructions, and prescribe such format / procedure, as it may deem fit to implement the provisions of these Regulations.
27.0	Protection of Action Taken in Good Faith	No suit or other legal proceedings shall lie against any Officer or other employee of the University for anything, which is done in good faith or intended to be done in pursuance of the provisions of the Act, the Statutes, or these Regulations.
28.0	Removal of Difficulties	If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of these Regulations, the University may, by a notification or by order, make such provisions, which are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Act, Statutes, as appear to it to be necessary or expedient, for removing the difficulty.
29.0	Bar to Claim Damages for Delay	No candidate shall be entitled to claim any damages, whatsoever from the University on the account of late declaration of result, delay in the issue of grade sheets or any other certificates, Thesis evaluation or any other process associated with the examinations or evaluation, or other like cases.
30.0	Production of Answer Books and Thesis	The answer books of the University examinations for the coursework or Synopsis or Thesis shall not be subject to production before any court of justice (civil or criminal) or before the candidate or before anybody else on his behalf or before any internal or external authority.
31.0	Interpretation	Any question as to the interpretation of these Regulations shall be decided by the Vice-Chancellor, whose decision shall be final and binding. The University shall have the power to issue clarifications to remove any doubt, difficulty or anomaly which may arise during implementation of the provisions of these Regulations.
32.0	Power to Amend the Regulations	The Board of Management may make new or additional Regulations or amend or repeal these regulations as prescribed under Section- of the Act.

Annexure 1

Flow diagram indicating various stages towards award of Ph.D. degree





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APPLICATION FORM

READ DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN SEPARATELY
BEFORE FILLING THE APPLICATION FORM

PHOTOGRAPH

Paste your recent
Passport size
Colour Photograph
not older than 3
Months. Do not pin
or staple

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

▪ **NAME OF THE APPLICANT(AS IT APPEARS IN CLASS X OR EQUIVALENT MARKS CARD)**

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DATE		MONTH		YEAR		

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☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE

MALE FEMALE

DEPARTMENT

- **RELIGION**

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CATEGORY(TICK)

☐ BC ☐ SC ☐ ST ☐ PWD ☐ OTHERS

BC SC ST PWD OTHERS

▪ **NAME OF THE PARENT/ GUARDIAN**

[illegible]

▪ ADDRESS FOR THE CORRESPONDENCE

DOOR / HOUSE NO/ FLAT NO.

[illegible]

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ACADEMIC DETAILS

1. X Class

Year of Pass Board

State

Marks

Total Marks Marks Obtained % of Marks

2. 10+2 or equivalent examination

Year of Pass Board

State

Marks

Total Marks Marks Obtained % of Marks

3. Graduation

Year of Pass College

University

Marks

Total Marks Marks Obtained % of Marks

4. Post Graduation

Year of Pass College

University

Marks Details

Year /Semester	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained	% of Marks/ OGPA	Month & Year
I Sem				
II Sem				
III Sem				
IV Sem				
Total				

5. Work Experience: Attach separate sheet, if necessary

Organization	Designation	Type of Work	From	To

6. Publications: (Mention the publication if you are the first or second author only) Attach separate sheet, if necessary

Organization	Journal / Publisher	Year	Vol. & Pg. Nos. / Edition	Co-authors

7. Field of Interest:

8. Brief description of the proposed work: Attach separate sheet, if necessary

DECLARATION: I hereby declare that all the particulars stated in this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have read and understood all provisions of the admission procedure and agree to abide by them. In the event of submission of fraudulent, incorrect or untrue information or suppression or distortion of any fact like educational qualification, marks etc., I understand that my admission is liable for cancellation. Further I understand that my admission is purely provisional subject to the fulfilment of the eligibility criteria.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/ GUARDIAN

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

Annexure 3

**Application for recognition as a Research Supervisor/ Co-supervisor for Ph.D. program
(for those who have Ph.D. qualification)**

1.	Name (In Capital Letters) and Emp. No.															
2.	Date of Birth and Age															
3.	Designation															
4.	Institutional Address															
5.	Contact Number															
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Signature of Applicant: _____

Designation : _____

Date : _____

Annexure 4

Half Yearly Progress Report

Academic Year: _____

Name of the Scholar	
Ph.D. Registration No.	
Date of Registration	
Title of the Research Topic	

Doctoral Committee Members	
Sl No	Name

1. Title of the Research Topic

2. Date of Previous Review Meetings

Year	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Date						

3. Average Time Spent on Research

No. of hours per week	
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4. Important Suggestions given in the previous progress review meeting

Sl No	Suggestions
1	
2	
3	
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5. State the objectives achieved during the last six months

1	
2	
3	
4	
5	

6. Give five most cited works published by researchers in your area in Chronological order.

Sl.No.	Title	Authors	Journal Name	Volume and Page No	Year	No. of Citations
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						

7. Briefly mention how your research work is distinct from those published above

1	
2	
3	
4	

8. What is the novelty/ new knowledge accomplished?

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9. Does your ideas have contributed to improve results? If yes, then state reasons why such improved results have come? Justify

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10. List of Papers published during the last six months in peer reviewed journals

Sl.No.	Title	Authors	Journal Name	Volume and Page No	Year	Impact Factor
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						

11. What are the future planned works for next six months?

1	
2	
3	
4	

Declaration

I have carefully filled the above information based on the outcome of my original research carried out during the past one year.

Signature of the Research Scholar: _____

Name : _____

Date : _____

Doctoral Committee Remarks

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Signature of the Doctoral Committee members

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Annexure 5

**Ph.D. Program -- Updation of Data Sheet
Annual Progress Report**

(To be submitted by each Scholar annually along with the half yearly Progress Report)

Date of Submission:

Part I For all Scholars		
Particulars about the Scholar		
1.	Name of Scholar	
2.	Designation	
3.	Institute where working	
4.	Contact Number	
5.	Email Id	
6.	Ph.D. Registration No.	
7.	Date of Provisional Registration	
8.	Category of Registration	FT ☐ PT(I) ☐ PT(E) ☐
9.	Broad area of Research	
10.	Working Title of the Proposed Thesis	
11.	Name of the Department /Institution where Research is Conducted	
Part II For Scholar for whom Provisional Registration is Not Confirmed		
12.	Has the Research proposal been approved	Yes ☐ No ☐
13.	Has Working title letter been issued	Yes ☐ No ☐
14.	Have you completed Courses	Yes ☐ No ☐
15.	Have you completed Part I Research Methodology Examination	Yes ☐ No ☐
Part III For Scholar for whom Provisional Registration is Completed		
16.	Have you completed Doctoral Colloquium Review 1? If yes provide the reference letter no.	Yes ☐ No ☐
Part IV For all Scholars		
17.	Annual Research fee paid for the year	Academic Year _____ Amount in Rs. _____ Receipt No _____ Date _____ Yes ☐ No ☐

Signature of Ph.D. Scholar

Annexure 6

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF SYNOPSIS OF Ph.D.

1. The synopsis should be submitted not less than 3 months before submission of the Doctoral Thesis. One hard copy of the draft synopsis should be submitted for appearing at the Doctoral Committee.
2. Every scholar must complete Doctoral Colloquium prior to submission of synopsis. The draft synopsis as approved by Doctoral Committee shall be finalized. The final synopsis must have the original signatures of all the members of the DC.
3. At the time of submission of the draft synopsis the scholar must submit evidence of 2 publications, must have Ph.D. registration confirmation letter, and must have submitted half yearly reports for throughout the period of study until the day of synopsis submission and paid applicable fees. The publications (published or accepted for publication) in peer reviewed indexed journals in SCOPUS, WoS or PUBMED or UGC-CARE. In one publication the scholar should be the first author and the data must emanate from the research conducted for Ph.D. The other publication could be a scoping review/systematic review/research note/original article related to the Ph.D. work, where the scholar is an author/co-author with his/her contribution to the publication clearly defined. The Scholar, with the signature of the Supervisor, must submit a note detailing how the publications are related to the Ph.D. work. A patent registered can be accepted in the place of one publication, provided the patent has emanated from the Ph.D. work. After approval by the Doctoral Committee the scholar is required to submit 3 hardcopies (Soft bound) and one soft copy to the Registrar (Evaluation).
4. The prescribed fee in the form of Demand Draft drawn in favour of **“Kishkinda University (KU)”** payable at Ballari.
5. The following should be enclosed at the time of submission of synopsis.
 - a) Completed synopsis application form with a copy of synopsis submission fee receipt.
 - b) Original Post Graduate Degree Certificate. (This will be returned after Thesis submission).
 - c) Photocopy of letter confirming the registration.
 - d) The synopsis should append the copy of the first page of publication/communication from the journal confirming acceptance. Please indicate publications as first or corresponding author in UGC approved Journals/indexed (Scopus/Web of Science/PubMed) Journals.
 - e) Panel of Experts/Examiners from supervisor in a prescribed format in sealed cover.

- f)** The format for synopsis:
- (i)** The synopsis should be soft bound
 - (ii)** Outer cover in white photo paper with binding.
 - (iii)** The cover page should be as per the format (enclosed).
 - (iv)** Certificate from DC as per the format (enclosed).
 - (v)** The content page should include page numbers.
 - (vi)** Maximum number of pages 30 (excluding title page, certificate, index, bibliography and appendix)
 - (vii)** The synopsis should be typed in A4 size 110 GSM paper
 - Double side printing
 - Font Times New Roman, size 12
 - Margin 1 inch from Top & Bottom
 - Margin 1.5 inch for Left & Right
 - Lines Spacing: 1.5
 - Page numbering starts from introduction chapter (at bottom right side)

Format for Ph.D. Synopsis
Contents for a hard copy of synopsis to be submitted

Sl. No.	Contents	Guideline	No. of Pages
1.	Title	A title should highlight an important aspect of the research study; important diagnostic technique; path breaking hypothesis etc. If the title carries the name of a species then Latin names (italicized) with the author citation is required e.g., <i>Amaranthus retroflexus</i> L.)- as per model given.	As per format
2.	Certificate	Certificate from DC Members*	As per format
3.	Table of Content	With page numbers	
4.	Introduction, Statement of the Problem, Scope of Work, Study design and Methodology	- Nature and significance of the problem/study- from Universal outlook to India and then Chennai - Highlights of Review of Literature - to identify the lacunae in research or justification for the problem- - Why the researcher selected this problem - Objectives- primary and secondary - Hypotheses- alternate/null (if any) - Includes a strategy for research study/Study design - Sampling and sample size; Data analysis	5 - 7
5.	Results	Salient results with data	10 - 15
6.	Discussion	Most important findings pertaining to the results of the study	5 - 7
7.	Summary/ Conclusions	Major highlights of the present work – in list	1
8.	References	Harvard or Vancouver style - APA	2
9.	Appendix	- List of Publications/Submission in indexed journals by the scholar - The first page of publication or communication from the journal - List of conference presentations/posters by the scholar	

The draft synopsis must be signed by the supervisor and email approval of the draft synopsis from DC members will be accepted. The final synopsis must have the signatures of all the members of the DC.

Template for Cover Pages for Synopsis of Ph.D.: Instructions

1. Please see the attached model template before filling in the template for your Synopsis.
2. Please follow the guidelines listed below for each page with reference to formatting of font & size for each sections.
3. If you have any doubt please contact our office for clarifications.

Page 1 (Outer cover page)

Title of Thesis	17 Bold, Times New Roman, All Caps
Name of Candidate	16 Bold, Times New Roman, Title Case
Department & Faculty	13 Bold, Times New Roman, Title Case
Month & Year	14 Bold, Times New Roman

Page 2 (Inside cover page)

Title of Thesis	17 Bold, Times New Roman, All Caps
Name of Candidate & Ph.D. Reg. No.	16 Bold, Times New Roman, Title Case
Department & Faculty	13 Bold, Times New Roman, Title Case
Month (in Full) & Year	14 Bold, Times New Roman

Page 3 (Declaration Page)

Title of Thesis	12 Bold, Times New Roman, Sentence case
Name of Candidate & Ph.D. Reg. No.	12 Bold, Times New Roman
Name of all DC members	11 Bold, Times New Roman
Designation and Address	10 Unbold, Times New Roman

Note:

- 1) Your Ph.D. Registration No. comes only in page 2
- 2) Delete either Research Co-Supervisor/ DC member whichever is applicable.

Cover Page

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by

-----Name-----

-----Reg. No. -----

Inside First Page

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by

-----Name-----

-----Reg. No. -----

-----Month & Year -----

DECLARATION BY THE DOCTORAL COMMITTEE

We hereby certify that, the research described in the synopsis of the Ph.D. thesis titled ‘-----’ is based on the bonafide work carried out by ----- (Ph.D. Registration No: -----) under our guidance and supervision. This work has not previously formed the basis for the award of any degree, diploma, associate ship, fellowship or similar titles in this Deemed University or any other University or other similar Institution of higher learning.

Name and Designation	Signature with Date & Dept. Seal
Research Supervisor	
Research Co-Supervisor/ DC Member	
DC Member	

Annexure 7

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF Ph.D. THESIS

The prescribed fee in the form of Demand Draft in favour of “Kishkinda University (KU)” payable at Ballari.

Four Copies of the Thesis should be submitted along with the Ph.D. thesis Application form and the prescribed fee. After the public viva-voce, ONE copy of the thesis with corrections incorporated (if any) should be submitted.

1. The format for Thesis is given below:-

- a) The Thesis should be in hard bound volume, white cover (without rexine cover and brass edges)
- b) The cover page and spine should be as per the format (enclosed).
- c) Declaration certificate from scholar as per format (enclosed).
- d) Certificate from Supervisor and Co-Supervisor (if any) as per format (enclosed).
- e) Plagiarism Check Certificate should be included as per format
- f) The table of content page should include page numbers.
- g) Maximum number of pages 250 (excluding title page, certificates, Table of content, bibliography and appendix) and the weight of the thesis should not be more than 2 kgs.
- h) The thesis should be typed in A4 size 110 GSM paper:-
 - Thesis shall be printed double sided from Introduction
 - Font Times New Roman, size 12
 - Margin 1 inch for Top, Bottom
 - Margin 1.5 inch on either side (right & left)
 - Lines Spacing: 1.5
 - Page numbering starts from Introduction chapter to Conclusion
 - **Header:** chapter name for each page (font size-8) right aligned
 - **Footer:** title of the thesis for each page (font size-8) left aligned

Format for Ph.D. THESIS
Contents for a hard copy of Thesis to be submitted

Sl.No.	Contents	Guideline	No. of Pages
1.	Title	Approved Title	As per format
2.	Certificate	Declaration Certificate from scholar	As per format
3.	Certificate	Certificate from Supervisor and Co-Supervisor	As per format
4.	Certificate	Plagiarism Verification Certificate	As per format
5.	Index Page	With page numbers	
6.	Ethics Clearance	Communication from Institutional Ethics Committee	
7.	Thesis Manuscript	a) Abstract • Introduction • Review of Literature • Methodology • Results • Discussions • Summary recommendations ** • Conclusions	Maximum 250 pages and less than 2 kgs.
8.	Bibliography	Harvard or Vancouver style – APA	
9.	Appendix	Those relating to study	
10.	Certifications, Publications & Presentations and awards	• Any certifications obtained as part of research studies • List of Publications in peer-reviewed indexed journals by the scholar (append full copy of all publication) • List of conference presentations/posters by the scholar • List of awards	
11.	Plagiarism Report	From Publications Guidelines and Monitoring Committee (PGMC)	

Format of Abstract:

- a) Structured abstract shall be included in the hard bound copy and soft copies of all Ph.D. Thesis submitted to the University and thereafter to the Library. This abstract shall be included before the Introduction page of the thesis. Word Count $\leq$ 250 words; (NO special characters like % allowed) Structure: (without these subtitles)

Background and purpose:**Method/experimental schematic / design:****Results/outcome:****Most salient contributions/ Conclusions:****Keywords:** (five)

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Format of summary:

One page summary of salient findings from the research [must bring out the actual contributions to this field of research, innovations, patents granted, and or uniqueness of their results].

Must indicate if the study is useful to the society, impacts the local populations or provides a solution that can influence the region/ society.

Half of this page should highlight:

Future plan of work and suggest novel areas to be studied

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-----**Name**-----

Department of -----

Faculty of -----

Month & Year -----

Inside First Page

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**Thesis submitted for the Degree of
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by

-----**Name of the candidate**-----

Ph.D. In

Department of

Faculty of.....

Month & Year.....

Research Supervisor

Research Co-Supervisor

DECLARATION

I declare that this thesis entitled ‘ _____ ’ submitted by me for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) is the bonafide record of research conducted under the supervision of ----- and co-supervision of ----- and has not formed the basis for the award of any degree, diploma, associate ship, fellowship or similar titles in this Private University, any other University or other similar Institution of higher learning.

Signature of the Candidate

Date:

Place:

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the thesis entitled ‘ _____ ’ submitted for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy by ----- (Ph.D. RR-----) is the bonafide record of research work carried out under my supervision and that to the best of my knowledge no part of this research work has formed the basis for the award of any degree, diploma, associate ship, fellowship or other similar titles in this Private University, any other University or any other similar Institution of higher learning.

Date:

Place:

Signature of the Supervisor

With Seal

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the thesis entitled ‘ _____ ’ submitted for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy by ----- (Ph.D. RR-----) is the bonafide record of research work carried out under my Co-Supervision and that to the best of my knowledge no part of this research work has formed the basis for the award of any degree, diploma, association, fellowship or other similar titles in this Private University, any other University or any other similar Institution of higher learning.

Date:

Place:

**Signature of the Co- Supervisor
With Seal**

Annexure 8**PLAGIARISM VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE**

[As per UGC (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in
Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2018]

It is certified that Mr. / Mrs.
Reg. No. _____ has carried out his/her Ph.D. research
titled.....
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