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NOTIFICATION

Sub: Guidelines to conduct Pre-Ph.D. / Ph.D. / M.Sc.(Engg.) by Research Viva-voce examinations, in view of COVID-19 Pandemic and subsequent Lockdown

Ref: 1. UGC Guidelines on Examinations and Academic Calendar, in view of COVID-19 Pandemic and subsequent lockdown

2. Approval of the Authorities by Circulation dt: 11-05-2020

3. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor's Order dt:12-05-2020

It is hereby brought to the notice of all the concerned that the Guidelines for conduct of Pre-Ph.D./ Ph.D. / M.Sc.(Engg.) by Research Viva-voce examination for research scholars, have been prepared by VTU, on the basis of UGC guidelines on Examinations and Academic Calendar, in view of the COVID-19 Pandemic and subsequent Lockdown, which reads as under:

1. The Pre-Ph.D. / Ph.D. / M.Sc. (Engg.) by Research Viva-voce examination could be conducted through Video Conference using suitable digital platform or mutually convenient technology, subject to prior written approval of the Registrar(Evaluation) of VTU, in compliance with the existing norms of the University, until further orders. While conducting the Viva-Voce Examination through Video Conferencing using electronic means, it may be ensured that it will be open to be attended by members of the Research Advisory Committee / Doctoral Committee, all faculty members of the department, research scholars and other interested experts/ researchers, besides the Research Supervisor and Expert(s)/Examiner(s), as applicable. It is also imperative on the part of the Institutions / Research Centres to submit the record of the same, including the report signed by Expert(s)/ Examiner(s) appointed for conducting the said Viva-voce.
2. The M.Sc.(Engg.) by Research or Ph.D. students, whose maximum period for submission of M.Sc. Engineering by research./ Ph.D. Dissertation/ Thesis prescribed under relevant rules/ Regulations/ ordinances of the university is expired/ expiring during the COVID-19 pandemic period, will be allowed to submit their Dissertation/ Thesis, including completion of pending formalities, within six months from the date of expiry of regular prescribed period. The extension of six months may also be considered for those students who are yet to submit their Dissertation/ Thesis.

The Principals of engineering colleges under VTU are hereby informed to bring this to the notice of all the concerned.

By order

12.05.2020
Registrar

To: The Principals of all the affiliated, constituent and autonomous colleges of VTU
Copy to:

1. The Registrar(Evaluation), VTU, Belagavi, for information and needful
2. The In-charge Regional Directors of all the Regional Centres of VTU
3. The In-charge CNC Section to make arrangements for Video Conference