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The office of the undersigned receiving many grievances pertaining to Supervisors affiliation (who are not requesting university for change of Research centre after changing their affiliation), Change of University and Issues related to Publications. The Principals of Constituent, Affiliated, Autonomous colleges, Research Centers and the Supervisors & Research Scholars of / M.Sc. (Engg. by Research) of VTU are hereby strictly adhere to the regulations 2023 and its amendments time to time.

1. It is observed that, some of the Research supervisors who are working in Constituent, Affiliated, Autonomous colleges, Research Centers of VTU are not requesting university for change of Research centre as and when they transfer or changing their institution and moved to other institutions. Thus; they are clearly violating the norms of **Eligibility for a Research Supervisor** as per the **regulations 2023 sub clause 23PHD 5.1 (2) & (3)**, which states as below.

As per the clause **23PHD 5.1 (2)**: "The University Shall recognize the Faculty as a Research Supervisor at the Research Centre attached to the University or its Constituent College or the affiliated colleges, where the faculty member is employed. Such recognized Research Supervisors cannot supervise research Scholars in other institutions, where they can act only as co-supervisors."

As per the clause **23PHD 5.1 (3)**: "The degree shall not be awarded by the University for a candidate under the supervision of a faculty member who is not an employee of the University or its constituent college or its affiliated colleges or **other Research Centers which would be a violation of these Regulations.**"

Hence, you are requested to update your profile and present affiliation with university both in the online thesis tracker and Jnanashodha, wherever required immediately.

2. As per the VTU Ph.D. regulations 2023 sub clause **23 PHD 11.17,1**, "Transfer of Scholars registered at any other university shall be allowed to continue the programme in VTU Belagavi, provided the Scholar must be from other State Universities/Deemed to be Universities/Defense Organizations/ National Laboratories/ National Research Organizations/Public Sector Units/ State and Central Government Organizations".

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In light of the above, the university is receiving requests from candidates to transfer from private universities to VTU, Belagavi; however, in accordance with VTU PhD regulations 2023, this is not allowed and also it has been noted that some of the candidates are **submitting false /forged documents** in an attempt to obtain transfer from other universities. We shall take **legal action** against such applicants if we discover such materials.

3. Pertaining to mandatory publications for the award of PhD degree, kindly note the following points.
As per VTU Ph.D. Regulations 2023: Each Research Scholar shall publish minimum of one (1) research paper in Quartile Indexed Journals: Q1-Q3, based on his/her research work for the Degree. However, As per the amendments to VTU PhD regulations 2023, for 2011-2019 batch Ph.D. Scholars, it is approved to follow the 'Mandatory Publications' clause as under:

"Each Research Scholar shall publish minimum of one (1) research paper in Quartile Indexed Journals: **Q1-Q3 or Two (02) research papers in UGC-CARE Journals or Journals indexed under SCOPUS/SCI/WoS (as per the earlier VTU Ph.D. regulations).** For 2020 batch and onwards, Ph.D. Scholars; publishing minimum of one (1) research paper in Quartile Indexed Journals: Q1-Q3 remains mandatory".

Furthermore, it is also observed that, some of the research scholars publishing their research work in non-relevant journals (**For Ex:** The Scholars from Computer Science, Electronics and Communication Engineering and Electrical Engineering etc, publishing their research papers in Chemistry related journal- **European Chemical Bulletin**) such journal papers will not be considered for award of Ph.D. degree though they are peer reviewed and quartile indexed journals.

In view of this, it is the duty of all the stakeholders of the university to adhere to the VTU Ph.D. regulations 2023 and its amendments and maintain the academic institution's integrity, and uphold the research ethics.


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REGISTRAR (EVALUATION)

To,

The Principals of constituent, affiliated, autonomous colleges and research centers of VTU.

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2. The Registrar, VTU Belagavi, for information.
3. In charge Regional Directors of VTU Regional Offices, for information and request to bring the content of this circular to all the concerned.
4. Research Director, VTU R & D for information.