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Sub : Selection of NPTEL Courses for Ph.D. Coursework – reg.

- Ref : 1. Research (Ph.D) admission Committee proceedings dated 02.02.2026 at Registrar's conference hall, VTU Belagavi**
2. Approval of Dean Faculty of Engineering, VTU Belagavi dated 27.03.2026
3. Hon'ble vice-Chancellor's approval dated 28.03.2026

It is hereby informed to all the concerned that, in order to ensure quality and uniformity in the coursework component of the Ph.D. programme, the following guidelines shall be implemented with effect from 1st April 2026:

Candidates who have registered for Ph.D. programmes and intend to opt for online courses under NPTEL/MOOCs as a part of their coursework shall adhere to the guidelines specified herein:

- 1. Level of Courses:** The candidates shall select only Postgraduate (PG) level NPTEL/MOOCs courses relevant to their area of research, they are carrying out.
- 2. Duration of Courses:** The selected NPTEL/MOOCs courses shall be of minimum 12 weeks duration with minimum of three credits to each course..
- 3. Eligibility:** The candidates must score minimum of 55% to be qualified in the NPTEL Courses.
- 4. Approval Requirement:**

The courses selected by the candidates must be:

- o Recommended and approved by the Research Advisory Committee (RAC), and
 - o Approved by the University Ph.D. Section as per the regulation
- 5. Relevance and Compliance:** The selected courses shall be relevant to the research domain of the candidate and must comply with the existing Ph.D. regulations of the University.

6. **Certification:** Candidates must successfully complete the course and obtain the valid certification from the concerned platform as per university norms.

In the case of violation of any of the above instructions, the courses completed by the candidates will be rejected.

All Research Centres, Supervisors, and Ph.D. candidates are hereby directed to strictly comply with the above guidelines.

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To,

1. The Principals of affiliated (Autonomous/Non-Autonomous/Constituent) Engineering/Architecture Colleges, VTU Belagavi
2. The Chairpersons/Program Coordinators of University Departments at Muddenahalli, Belagavi, Kalaburagi and Mysuru.

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1. To The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor through the secretary to VC , VTU, Belagavi for kind information.
2. PS to Registrar, VTU Belagavi, for information
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