



## **CORRIGENDUM TO Ph.D. REGULATIONS – 2022**

In partial modification of the **Ph.D. Regulations–2022** of Maa Manikeshwari University (erstwhile Kalahandi University), Bhawanipatna, the following changes and clarifications are hereby notified for information and compliance of all concerned.

### **1. Eligibility of Ph.D. Supervisor**

In addition to fulfilling the requirements prescribed under Section 7 of the Ph.D. Regulations–2022 (Pages 9–10), a faculty member shall be eligible to supervise Ph.D. scholars only if he/she has:

- Guided at least three (03) Postgraduate dissertations/theses as the Major Supervisor; and
- Published at least two (02) research articles in Peer-Reviewed/SCOPUS/Web of Science (WoS) indexed journals with Impact Factor.

### **2. Clarification regarding Minimum Duration of the Ph.D. Programme**

Notwithstanding anything contained in Sections 4.10 and 9.1 of the Ph.D. Regulations–2022, the minimum duration of the Ph.D. programme shall be as follows:

1. For candidates who have undergone Pre-Ph.D. Course Work, the minimum duration shall be three (03) years from the date of admission to the Ph.D. programme.
2. For candidates who are exempted from Pre-Ph.D. Course Work, the minimum duration shall be two and a half (2½) years from the date of admission to the Ph.D. programme.
3. The date of admission and/or registration at Maa Manikeshwari University, whichever is earlier, shall be treated as the date of admission for the purpose of calculating the duration of the Ph.D. programme. Accordingly, eligibility for submission of the Ph.D. thesis shall be determined on the basis of the above minimum duration criteria.

### **3. Clarification regarding Payment of Fees**

The fee structure prescribed by the University under Annexure XII (Fee Structure for the Ph.D. Programme, Page 42) shall remain applicable for the entire duration of the Ph.D. programme until submission of the thesis or completion/termination of registration, whichever is earlier.

All Ph.D. scholars shall pay the prescribed semester/annual fees, including laboratory, seminar and other applicable fees, to the Controller of Examinations, as notified by the University from time to time. Failure to pay the prescribed fees within the stipulated period shall render the scholar ineligible for registration to the next semester/year until all outstanding dues are cleared.

Before submission of the thesis, every Postgraduate student and Ph.D. scholar shall obtain a No Dues Certificate from all the concerned Departments, the Library and the Examination Section. The No Dues Certificate shall also be countersigned by the Supervisor, who shall be responsible for certifying that all academic and procedural requirements have been duly complied with.

#### **4. Modification regarding Publication and Presentation Requirement**

The clause relating to mandatory publication and seminar presentation of research papers prior to submission of the Ph.D. thesis, as provided under Section 8.3 (Page 10) of the Ph.D. Regulations-2022, stands modified.

Ph.D. scholars shall publish at least one research paper (or obtain acceptance for publication) in a Peer-Reviewed/SCOPUS/Web of Science (WoS) indexed journal, preferably having a Journal Impact Factor, before submission of the Ph.D. thesis.

However, in deserving cases, the requirement of publication may be relaxed by the Competent Authority on a case-to-case basis, subject to recording of reasons.

#### **5. Six-Monthly Progress Reports / Subject Research Committee (SRC) Meetings**

The schedule of Ph.D. Progress Seminars / Subject Research Committee (SRC) meetings shall be widely circulated among all faculty members of the University. The Heads of the Departments shall ensure wider participation of faculty members in the SRC meetings.

The six-monthly progress reports and proceedings of the SRC meetings shall be submitted through the Chairperson, Postgraduate Council (CPGC) and the Controller of Examinations for approval of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.

#### **6. AI-Generated Content in the Ph.D. Thesis**

Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based tools, including ChatGPT and other similar technologies/applications, for generating substantial portions of the Ph.D. thesis is not permitted.

Along with the Plagiarism Check Report, an AI-Generated Content Detection Report shall also be submitted. The overall similarity index of the thesis shall not exceed 10%.

Any violation of this provision shall invite appropriate action by the University in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations.

#### **7. Submission of Ph.D. Thesis to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor**

The Controller of Examinations shall submit the Ph.D. thesis, along with all the prescribed documents and reports, to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for final approval.

#### **8. Maintenance of Student Records and Other Provisions**

A separate file shall be maintained for every Postgraduate student and every Ph.D. scholar by the Head of the Department concerned. All records relating to the student/scholar shall be maintained in the file, and every proposal shall be processed through the proper channel for further orders.

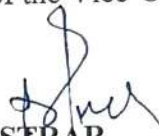
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In the event of any ambiguity or discrepancy arising out of the interpretation of these provisions, the relevant Academic Regulations of Sambalpur University (Parent University), to the extent applicable, shall be followed. The decision of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor shall be final in all such matters.

All other provisions of the Ph.D. Regulations-2022 shall remain unchanged.

This Corrigendum shall come into force with immediate effect and shall apply to all existing and future Ph.D. scholars of the University.

By Order of the Vice-Chancellor

  
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