RA-4 RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PhD PROGRAMME

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1. Short title, Application and Commencement

This regulation shall be called as "Rules and Regulations for PhD Programmes (RA-4)" for all PhD programmes commenced at CIT Kokrajhar, and shall come into force from the day of its publication and notification by the Institute.

2. Admission to PhD Programme

- 2.1 Admission to the PhD Programmes of the Institute normally takes place in each regular semester every year, advertisement for which are issued in May / June for odd semester and in November/December for even semester.
- 2.2 Admission to PhD programmes is granted on the basis of admission test followed by interview, except for UGC-NET (including JRF)/UGC-CSIR NET (including JRF)/SLET/GATE/teacher fellowship holders, for whom, only interview is sufficient.
- 2.3 The Entrance Test is qualifying with minimum qualifying marks of 50%, and the syllabus of the Entrance Test consists of 50% analytical ability and 50% relevant subject specific.
- 2.4 Students who have secured at least 50 % marks in the entrance test are eligible to be called for the interview. A relaxation of 5 % marks will be allowed in the entrance examination for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/differently-abled category, Economically Weaker Section (EWS), and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the UGC from time to time.
- 2.5 The selection of the candidates shall be made using a weightage of 60% to the entrance test and 30% to the interview and 10% to the academic credentials of UG and PG levels.
- 2.6 The Institute adheres to the reservation policy of the institute for PhD admission, as applicable from time to time.
- 2.7 Prior to advertisement, the Institute, through the Departmental PhD Programme Committees (DPPC), prepares a predetermined and manageable number of PhD scholars to be admitted in an Academic Session depending on the number of available Research Supervisors (according to the clause 7.3 of this regulation), other academic and physical facilities e.g. laboratory, library.
- 2.8 No objection certificate (see Annexure-I) from the employer of an on-the-job PhD candidate (Institute's Faculty/Staff/Project Staff/ Research Associate, and Faculty/Staff from other Institute/College/any other organization) is required to be furnished along with the application form.
- 2.9 The Institute may decide their own selection procedure for Ph.D. admission of international students keeping in view the guidelines/norms in this regard issued by statutory/regulatory bodies concerned from time to time.
- 2.10 Notwithstanding anything contained in these Regulations or any other law, for the time

being in force, the Institute shall not conduct Ph.D. programmes through distance and/or online mode.

3. Eligibility Criteria

- 3.1 A 1-year/2-semester master's degree programme after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme or a 2-year/4-semester master's degree programme after a 3-year bachelor's degree programme or qualifications declared equivalent to the master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body in the relevant field with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed or equivalent qualification from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of the educational institution.
- 3.2 Provided that a candidate seeking admission after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme should have a minimum of 85% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed.
- 3.3 Candidates who have completed the M.Phil. programme with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed or equivalent qualification from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to the Ph.D. programme.
- 3.4 A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the UGC from time to time, applicable to all the eligible candidates in the clauses 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3.

4. Duration of PhD Programme

4.1 PhD programme shall be for a minimum duration of three years, including course work and a maximum of six years. An appropriate extension of up to two (2) more years may be given to a PhD scholar, as per the recommendation of the DC followed by approval from IPPC, provided, however, the total period for completion of a Ph.D. programme

- should not exceed eight (8) years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. programme.
- 4.2 Women and Persons with Disability (more than 40% disability) may be allowed a relaxation of additional two (2) years for PhD, provided, however, the total period for completion of a Ph.D. programme should not exceed ten (10) years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. programme.
- 4.3 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.

5. Enrolment of PhD Scholar

- 5.1 Scholars are required to enroll and pay the prescribed fees at the beginning of every semester by the due date, as notified by the Institute, until thesis submission.
- 5.2 The Institute shall maintain a list of Ph.D. supervisors (specifying the name of the supervisor, his or her designation, and the Department), along with the details of Ph.D. scholars (specifying the name of the registered Ph.D. scholar, the topic of his/her research and the date of admission) admitted under them on the website of the Institute and update this list every academic year.

6. Assistantship to PhD Scholar

- 6.1 Institute assistantships may be provided to eligible scholars as per the Institute norms and availability of fund. Scholars receiving assistantships from the Institute or fellowships from any other funding agencies, are required to perform academic duties as per prevailing norms.
- 6.2 Assistantships from external funding agency / organizations will be available as per terms and conditions of the concerned funding agency / organizations.
- 6.3 Continuation of the assistantship / fellowship is subject to satisfactory performance of the PhD scholar in his/her assigned duties, and to satisfactory progress of the scholar in the PhD Programme.

7. Allocation of Research Supervisor(s)

7.1 Any permanent Professor/Associate Professor of the Institute with at least five research publications in refereed journals and any regular Assistant Professor of the Institute with a PhD degree and at least three research publications in peer-reviewed or refereed 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 Institute may relax

- the above condition for recognition of a faculty as Research Supervisor with reasons recorded in writing. The recognized research supervisors cannot supervise research scholars in other institutes, where they can only act as co-supervisors. Ph.D. awarded by a university / an Institute under the supervision of a faculty member who is not an employee of the university / Institute would be in violation of these Regulations.
- 7.2 In case of interdisciplinary/multidisciplinary research work, if required, a Co-supervisor from outside the Department/reputed Institute may be appointed.
- 7.3 Adjunct Faculty members shall not act as Research Supervisors and can only act as cosupervisors.
- 7.4 The DPPC appoints Supervisor(s) to a scholar after obtaining mutual consent of both the scholar and the Supervisor(s). Appointment of Supervisor(s) is to be completed within six months from the date of admission. Appointment of Supervisor(s)/Co-Supervisor(s) by the DPPC is according to the **clause 7** of this regulation.
- 7.5 A Research Supervisor/Co-supervisor who is a Professor, at any given point of time, cannot guide more than **Eight (8)** PhD scholars. An Associate Professor as Research Supervisor/Co-supervisor can guide up to a maximum of **Six (6)** PhD scholars, and an Assistant Professor as Research Supervisor/Co-supervisor can guide up to a maximum of **Four (4)** PhD scholars.
- 7.6 Each supervisor can guide up to **two (2)** international research scholars on a supernumerary basis over and above the permitted number of Ph.D. scholars as specified in clause 7.5.
- 7.7 In case of relocation of a female Ph.D. scholar due to marriage or otherwise, the research data shall be allowed to be transferred to the Higher Educational Institution to which the scholar intends to relocate, provided all the other conditions in these Regulations are followed, and the research work does not pertain to a project sanctioned to the parent Institution/Supervisor by any funding agency. Such scholar shall, however, give due credit to the parent institution and the supervisor for the part of research already undertaken.
- 7.8 Faculty members with less than three years of service before superannuation shall not be allowed to take new research scholars under their supervision. However, such faculty members can continue to supervise Ph.D. scholars who are already registered until superannuation and as a co-supervisor after superannuation, but not after attaining the age of 70 years.

8. Change of Research Supervisor(s)

- 8.1 Whenever a supervisor leaves the Institute permanently, the DPPC shall provide new supervisor(s) for the scholars before his/her departure. Change of Supervisor(s) shall be permitted on recommendation of the DPPC after obtaining the consent of (i) the scholar (ii) the present Supervisor(s) and (iii) the proposed Supervisor(s). In such case the present supervisor may also be appointed as Co-supervisor. However, if the Supervisor leaves the institute after submission of thesis, an administrative Supervisor may be appointed by the DPPC, approved by the IPPC to complete the remaining formalities.
- 8.2 Whenever a Supervisor leaves the Institute temporarily, the DPPC shall make alternate arrangement for the administrative OR co-supervisor of his/her scholars in consultation with the supervisor.
- 8.3 In case a Supervisor unfortunately expires or become incapacitated during the PhD programme of a scholar, a new Supervisor may be appointed by the DPPC, followed by approval from the IPPC.

9. Course Work

- 9.1 The course work shall be treated as prerequisite for PhD preparation. The Department where the scholar pursues his/her research shall prescribe the course(s) to him/her based on the recommendations of the DPPC.
- 9.2 All courses for PhD course work shall be in conformity with the credit hour instructional requirement and shall specify content, instructional and assessment methods, as furnished by the DPPC, and duly approved by the Senate.
- 9.3 All candidates admitted to the PhD programmes are required to complete the course work prescribed by the Department during the initial one or two semesters.
- 9.4 The credit assigned to the PhD course work shall be a minimum of 14 credits including a "Research and Publication Ethics" course as notified by UGC. vide D.O. No. F.1-1/2018(Journal/CARE) in 2019 and a research methodology course. For the students taking admission directly after the 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree, additional minimum credit of 6 shall be mandatory. These additional credits of 6 shall also be applicable for students taking admission in technical departments after completing M. Sc degrees.
- 9.5 A minimum of four credits shall be assigned to one or more courses on Research Methodology which could cover areas such as quantitative methods, computer applications, technical writing, research ethics and review of published research in the relevant field, training, field work, etc. Other courses shall be advanced level courses preparing the scholars for PhD degree.

- 9.6 A PhD scholar has to obtain a minimum of 55% of marks or its equivalent grade in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade/CGPA in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) in the course work in order to be eligible to continue in the PhD programme.
- 9.7 All regular Ph.D. scholars receiving fellowship/assistantship, irrespective of discipline, shall be required to train in teaching/education/pedagogy/writing related to their chosen Ph.D. subject during their doctoral period. These scholars may also be assigned 4-6 hours per week of academic duties.

10. Comprehensive Examination

- 10.1 Upon satisfactory completion of course work, and obtaining the marks/grade, as prescribed in the clause 9.7 of this regulation, a PhD scholar is be required to sit for the Comprehensive Examination to be held within 18 months from the date of his / her admission.
- 10.2 The mode of Comprehensive Examination is oral or written or both, as stipulated by the DPPC, and notified by the Department at least 15 days prior to the date of the Exam.
- 10.3 A scholar failing in the Comprehensive Examination in the first attempt is given a second attempt not before one month and within six months from the date of the first attempt. If the scholar fails in the second attempt, he/she is not allowed to continue in the PhD programme, and such case(s) is/are to be reported to the Senate.

11. Formation of Doctoral Committee (DC) and its Function

11.1 For each PhD scholar, a Doctoral Committee (DC) will be formed by the DPPC in consultation with the Supervisor(s) within one month from the date of appointment of the Supervisor(s) and should have the following composition:

DC Members Role

A faculty member other than the Supervisor(s) to be nominated by the DPPC

Chairman

Supervisor(s)

Convenor(s)

Two other faculty members of which one should be from another department

Members

- 11.2 The DC will have the following responsibilities:
 - 11.2.1 Reviewing of research proposal and finalization of research topic
 - 11.2.2 Guidance to the research scholar to develop the study design and methodology of research

11.2.3 Periodic review and assistance in the progress of the research work by the research scholar

12. State of Art Seminar

- 12.1 Within 6 months of the successful completion of the Comprehensive Examination, a PhD scholar shall present a **State-of-the-Art Seminar** (SOAS). PhD scholar shall present literature survey and broad areas of research, and the feedback and comments may be suitably incorporated into the draft dissertation/thesis in consultation with the DC.
- 12.2 A scholar submits a write-up to the DC members at least one week before the date of the SOAS.
- 12.3 Upon successful completion of the SOAS, the DC submits the report to the DPPC, who communicates the same to the Chairman, IPPC. In case the SOAS is not successfully completed, the PhD scholar can deliver another SOAS within a month from the first one.
- 12.4 Change of research topic shall be allowed with the approval of the DC until the Synopsis is conducted provided the broad area of research remains the same.

13. Progress Seminar

- 13.1 After successful completion of SOAS, a PhD scholar submits at least one progress report for evaluation in each semester, to the DC, as per the meeting scheduled by the DC, where the scholar presents his/her progress report. The **progress reports** along with the recommendation of the DC shall be submitted to the IPPC through the DPPC.
- 13.2 In case the progress of the research scholar is unsatisfactory, the DC shall record the reasons for the same and suggest corrective measures. If the research scholar fails to implement these corrective measures, the DC may recommend to the DPPC with specific reasons for cancellation of the registration of the research scholar, which will be finalized by IPPC.

14. Synopsis Format and Presentation

- 14.1 Prior to the submission of the thesis, a scholar submits the synopsis of the thesis to the DC. The synopsis contains outline of the research detailed in the thesis.
- 14.2 A scholar will be eligible for synopsis presentation only when he/she publishes two (2) journal papers of national/ international standard in a SCI/SCIE/SCOPUS/UGC-CARE listed journal, and presented two (2) papers related to the thesis in conferences / seminars/ Symposiums/ Workshops of national/ international repute. The PhD scholar shall be the 1st author in these

publications.

- 14.3 The length of a synopsis shall be one thousand to four thousand words including tables and figures, on A4 size papers typed in one and half space.
- 14.4 A PhD scholar submits the synopsis of his/her thesis work to DC **one week before** giving a seminar presentation on the same, as scheduled by the DC, in an open seminar (named as **Synopsis Seminar**).
- 14.5 If the DC approves the Synopsis, a PhD scholar is allowed submit the same, and the Supervisor(s) sends a report of the Synopsis Seminar and the Synopsis of the thesis to the Chairman, IPPC through DPPC.

15. Thesis Format

- 15.1 In order to maintain the uniformity of the PhD thesis format throughout the Institute, a scholar shall follow the format specified in the Annexure, and shall abide by the following requirements.
- 15.2 The color of the thesis cover should to be in dark blue with golden printing on it.
- 15.3 The order of the thesis content shall be as follows: Front Cover; Inside Cover; Dedication (optional); Declaration/Statement by the Scholar; Certificate by the Supervisor(s); Approval Sheet; Acknowledgement (optional); Abstract; Table of Content; List of Figures; List of Tables; List of Symbol/Abbreviation etc. (optional); Chapters; References; List of Publications in Journals; List of Publications in conference
- 15.4 The general thesis guidelines: Front Cover; Inside Cover, Dedication (optional), declaration/statement by the Scholar, Certificate by the Supervisor(s) and Approval Sheet should be printed out on single side with the page number in roman in the footer. The rest of the thesis content should be printed on both side using A4 size paper and the spacing should be one-and-a-half spaced. Footnotes, quotations, references and photographic captions may be single spaced. Where appropriate, these should contain lists giving the locations of figures and illustrations. The margin of the page should be with 1.5 inch on the left and 1 inch for all the other three sides except the title page.
- 15.5 At the beginning of the chapter, the chapter number and name should be mentioned on a separate page without any number in the footer and with Times New Roman, font size 20, bold. The chapter number should be mentioned in numeric e.g. 'Chapter 1'. The header should contain chapter number in Times New Roman with font size of 10 and right aligned. The footer should contain the page number in right aligned numeric from the content of chapter 1 onwards. The type style for 'Headings' should be Times New Roman, bold, all upper case, with font size of 14. Whereas, for subheadings, it should be

Times New Roman, bold, and font size of 12. The text of the thesis should be in Times New Roman with font size of 12.

16. Thesis Submission

- 16.1 Within **three** (3) **months** of the acceptance of the Synopsis by the DC, the scholars shall submit thesis.
- 16.2 At least **fifteen (15) days** prior to the submission of the thesis, the Supervisor(s) submit a panel of **eight (8) examiners** (four from India and four from abroad not below the rank of Associate Professor /Professor or academician with equivalent rank) to the Chairman, DPPC, who forwards the list to the Chairman, IPPC. The Chairman, IPPC recommends the same to the Chairman, Senate for approval. The list of examiners remains confidential with the office of the Chairman, IPPC.
- 16.3 The scholar submits five (or six, if there are two Supervisors) copies of the thesis in soft binding format along with a soft copy to the Academic Section in the prescribed format (see Annexure). In addition, a **plagiarism check report** (Annexures-XII, XIII), an **undertaking** (Annexures-XIV) from the research scholar and a **certificate** from the Supervisor(s) (Annexures-XIV) attesting to the originality of the work, vouching that there is no plagiarism, and that the work has not been submitted for the award of any other degree/diploma of the same Institution where the work was carried out, or to any other Institution, shall be submitted to the Academic Section.
- 16.4 The Academic Section of the Institute, with approval from the Senate, ensures a mechanism using well developed software and gadgets to detect plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty. A similarity index of <20% in the plagiarism check report is acceptable.
- 16.5 If a scholar fails to submit the thesis within 3 months from the date of the Synopsis Seminar, he /she shall present another Synopsis Seminar. His / Her Synopsis has to be approved by the DC and sent to the Chairman, IPPC.
- 16.6 The Academic Section of the Institute will issue an acknowledgement after the thesis submission to the concerned scholar.

17. Thesis Evaluation

17.1 A PhD thesis submitted by a scholar is evaluated by his/her Research Supervisor(s) and at least two external examiners, who are experts in the field and not in employment of the Institute. Wherever possible, one of the external examiners should be chosen from

outside India.

- 17.2 The office of the Chairman, IPPC makes all correspondence with the examiners and shall give a monthly update on the following: Consent of external examiners, Thesis sent for evaluation, Report(s) received, Fixing the date of the viva, etc. to the concerned supervisor(s).
- 17.3 The Institute shall complete the entire process of evaluating a Ph.D. thesis, including the declaration of the viva-voce result, within a period of six (6) months from the date of submission of the thesis subject to receipt of the evaluation reports within the stipulated time.
- 17.4 Seven days of time shall be provided to the external examiners to give consent of evaluations of a thesis from the date of receipt of the request. If the consent is not received within the stipulated period, request to the next examiner from the list of approved panels of examiners shall be sent. The Examiners are expected to send reports on the thesis within 45 days from the date of receipt of the thesis. In case the Examiner(s) do not send the report within 45 days, reminders are issued. If the report is not received despite the reminders within another 15 days, the Chairman, IPPC replaces the Examiner(s).
- 17.5 Once the reports from all the examiners are received, the names of the Examiners are made available to the concerned Supervisor(s).
- 17.6 If all the thesis Examiners recommend the thesis for award of the PhD degree, the Chairman, IPPC approves the conducting of the defense Viva Voce. Corrections in the thesis, responses to comments of the Examiners are ratified by the DC.
- 17.7 If a thesis is recommended for the award of the Ph.D., with some suggestions for improving the thesis, the scholar is allowed to resubmit the thesis after due revision within the time stipulated by the DC. The same shall be placed before the Viva Voce Board at the time of the viva voce examination and if the viva voce board deems it appropriate, the thesis shall be revised. If an examiner suggests revision and resubmission of the thesis, the scholar is allowed to resubmit the thesis after due revision within the time stipulated by the DC. The revised thesis shall be sent to the concerned examiner again for recommendation. The examiner is expected to send the final reports on the thesis within 6 days from the receipt of the thesis.
- 17.8 If one of the external examiners recommends rejection, the Institute shall send the thesis to an alternate external examiner from the approved panel of examiners. If the alternate examiner does not recommend acceptance of the thesis, the reports are sent to the DC, which can decide on one of the following options based on their assessment.
 - 17.8.1 If the DC is satisfied with the work already done and the contents of the thesis already submitted, it may request the Chairman, Senate that the thesis may be sent to another set of examiners. Such a request has to be recommended by the DPPC and Chairman, IPPC.

- 17.8.2 The DC may advise the scholar to augment the research and submit the Synopsis again. If the DC is satisfied with the revised work, it may request the Chairman, Senate that the thesis may be sent to another set of examiners through DPPC and Chairman, IPPC. If both the examiners do not recommend the thesis for the award of the PhD degree for the second time, the scholar is not awarded the degree and the registration of the scholar is cancelled.
- 17.9 If both the Examiners do not recommend the thesis for the award of the Degree, the reports are sent to the DC, which can decide on one of the following options based on their assessment.
 - 17.9.1 If the DC is satisfied with the work already done and the contents of the thesis already submitted, it may request the Chairman, Senate that the thesis may be sent to another set of examiners. Such a request has to be recommended by the DPPC and Chairman, IPPC.
 - 17.9.2 The DC may advise the scholar to augment the research and submit the Synopsis again. If both the examiners do not recommend the thesis for the award of the PhD degree for the second time, the scholar is not awarded the degree and the registration of the scholar is cancelled.

Viva-voce examination shall be held only if both the examiners along with the supervisor recommends acceptance of the thesis.

18. Thesis Defense

- 18.1 Once all the thesis Examiners recommend the thesis for award of the PhD degree, the Chairman, IPPC approves conducting of the defense (Viva Voce), which is open to all.
- 18.2 The viva-voce shall be conducted in offline mode only. However, request of any external member of the VVB to attend the viva voce examination through online mode raised by citing academic preoccupations and any unavoidable personal reasons may be approved by the Chairman, Senate on case to case basis.
- 18.3 A PhD scholar makes an oral presentation on his/her thesis.
- 18.4 The Viva Voce Board (VVB) for conducting the PhD defense consists of:

Viva Voce Board (VVB) Members	Role
Chairman of the DC	Chairman
Supervisor(s) At least one external examiner of the thesis	Member(s) Member
A faculty member of another department to be nominated by the DPPC	Member
One faculty of the Department with knowledge of the subject of the thesis	Member

- 18.5 The VVB conducts the defense of the thesis by the PhD scholar ensuring that he/she answers all the queries of the thesis Examiners satisfactorily. If satisfied, the Chairman, VVB forwards a report to that effect to the Chairman, IPPC, and recommends award of the PhD degree.
- 18.6 If the VVB finds the performance of the scholar unsatisfactory, the scholar will be asked to reappear for another defense on a later date (not earlier than a month and not later than six months from the date of the first defense).
- 18.7 If the VVB finds the performance of the scholar unsatisfactory on the second occasion also, then the matter will be referred to the Senate for a decision.
- 18.8 The VVB may also recommend revisions to be made in the thesis after taking into consideration the suggestions of the Examiners who evaluated the thesis, and the discussions at the defense. Once the revision(s) are incorporated in all the copies of the thesis, the Chairman of the VVB forwards the report to the Chairman, IPPC, recommending award of PhD degree.
- 18.9 Outstation examiners shall be paid TA/DA, thesis evaluation fee and honorarium as per the Institute rules. The outstation co-supervisor (if any) shall be paid TA/DA as per the Institute Rules.
- 18.10 **Four (or five in case of Co-supervisor)** final hard-bound copies of the thesis shall be submitted to the Academic Section for record keeping in the Section, the Central Library, the concerned Department, and by the Supervisor(s).

19. Award of the PhD Degree

- 19.1 Upon successful defense and prior to the actual award of the degree, the Institute shall issue a provisional certificate to the effect that the Degree has been awarded on the date of defense.
- 19.2 Following the successful completion of the evaluation process and before the announcement of the award of the Ph.D. degree(s), the Institution shall submit an electronic copy of the Ph. D. thesis to the INFLIBNET, for hosting the same to make it accessible to all Institutions/Colleges.
- 19.3 The VVB recommendation of award of PhD degree is ratified through Senate, finally approved by the Board of Governors (BoG) of the Institute, and the scholar will be awarded PhD degree to the effect that the Degree has been awarded on the date of defense.

Annexure-I

No-Objection Certificate for On-The-Job PhD Candidate

(This should be typed on the letter head of the organization with Reference No.)

To

The Director

Central Institute of Technology Kokrajhar

(Deemed to be University, MoE, Govt. of India)

Subject: No-Objection Certificate

Dear Sir,