THE GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE

Ph.D. PROGRAMME REGULATIONS – 2026

[Framed in conformity with University Grants Commission
(Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022]

These regulations 2026 shall be applied retrospectively to the candidates admitted during January 2025 session, except with regards to the fee structure.

THE GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE
(DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA GANDHIGRAM, DINDIGUL - 624 302
TAMILNADU, INDIA

The Gandhigram Rural Institute – (DTBU)

Ph.D. Programme Regulations – 2026

(w.e.f. 2026 – January Session)

Preamble

The Ph.D. regulations have been framed by amending the 2024 regulations to provide relevant information about the Ph.D. programmes offered at the Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be University). These regulations detail the admission requirements, allocation of research supervisor, conduct of coursework and examinations, evaluation and other relevant provisions. The Gandhigram Rural Institute has amended its Ph.D. regulations taking into account the developments in the higher education sector and the guidelines issued by the University Grants Commission (UGC).

1 Short title, application and commencement

1.1 These regulations will be called The Gandhigram Rural Institute Ph.D. Regulations, 2026.

1.2 The regulations shall apply to candidates who are seeking admission to Ph.D. programmes offered by the Institute.

1.3 They shall come into force after according approval by the competent authority of the Institute through an official notification.

1.4 These regulations shall be retrospectively applied to the candidates admitted during January 2025 session except fee structure.

2 Eligibility criteria

The following are the eligibility conditions to seek admission to the Ph.D. Programme:

2.1 Candidates who have completed a 1-year (2 semester) Master's degree programme after a 4-year (8 semesters) Bachelor's degree (Hons) programme or a 2-year (4semesters) Master's degree programme after a 3-year Bachelor's degree programme or any qualification declared equivalent to the Master's degree programme or any qualification declared equivalent to the Master's degree by the

competent statutory regulatory body with at least 55% marks (7.0 CGPA) in aggregate or an equivalent grade 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 institution.

2.2 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 Sections (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the University Grants Commission (UGC) taken from time to time. Provided that a candidate seeking admission after a 4-year (8 semesters) Bachelor's degree programme (Hons) should have a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed.

2.3 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 Sections (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the University Grants Commission (UGC) taken from time to time.

2.4 Candidates with degrees in Agriculture and allied fields OR Engineering and allied fields should have completed a Bachelor's degree with a duration of four years in the relevant field along with a two years Master's degree with appropriate specialization as recognized by the statutory body concerned.

2.5 In addition to the above criteria, those clearing UGC-NET/UGC-CSIR test or such other National examinations recognized by the UGC as equivalent for pursuing Doctoral Research as mentioned hereunder are eligible:

(a) JRF-qualified candidates will be admitted to the Ph.D. programme based on an interview as per the UGC (Minimum Standards and

Procedures for Award of Ph.D.) Regulations, 2022 and they can join anytime during the academic year.

(b) For those candidates without JRF, 70% weightage will be given to their NET score and 30% weightage to their performance in the personal interview. Admission will be based on the combined merit of NET marks and the marks obtained in the interview.

(c) The Candidates qualified in JRF shall be admitted to the Ph.D. Programme based on Interview performance. NET – qualified candidates shall be eligible to appear for the interview without an entrance test. The entrance test and NET scores shall be considered only for eligibility to attend the interview. Final selection and admission shall be based exclusively on interview marks. Preference shall be given to NET – qualified candidates.

(d) In the case of candidates with Master's degree in Engineering/ Technology/ Agriculture, admission to Ph.D. programme will be based on an entrance test and an interview conducted by the Institute. Also Common Entrance Test will be conducted by the Controller of Examinations for the eligible candidates who have not cleared NET examination. M.Phil. candidates and SET (State Level Eligibility Test) qualified candidates also have to appear for entrance test.

(e) Temporary Teachers, Teachers working in Colleges/ Universities and Scientists from National Laboratories with two years of service shall be admitted to Ph.D. programme on a part-time basis.

(f) Teachers working in Polytechnic College/ Recognized Schools and Employees working in Universities/ Colleges/ Government sector/ Public Sector Undertakings/ National and International NGOs/ Industries with five years of service shall be admitted to Ph.D. programme on a part-time basis.

(g) The rules determining the eligibility for admission on a part-time basis shall be the same as those for full-time students.

(h) If full-time research scholars of the Institute are appointed as faculty either within the Institute or elsewhere, they may convert their registration from full-time to part-time.

(i) Project Fellow/ Research fellows working in GRI in the projects sponsored by the UGC/ CSIR/ ICSSR/ ICAR/ DOE/DST/ DBT/

MOES/ MOEN/ MNRES and other national/ international funding agencies and industries, candidates awarded with any other recognized fellowships and qualified technical staff working in projects with a duration of not less than two years shall also be eligible to register for Ph.D. under this category. Candidates belonging to the category of Project Associates/ Project Fellow/ Research Fellow/ Foreign Nationals/ NRIs shall be allowed to register for the Ph.D. programme.

3 Reservation

The Gandhigram Rural Institute is a Deemed to be a University funded by Ministry of Education through UGC and follows all the norms and regulations of the Government of India with respect to reservation of seats for SC/ST, OBC (Non-Creamy Layer), Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and Differently-abled candidates in Ph.D. admission.

4 Interdisciplinary/Multidisciplinary Research

Admission to Ph.D. programme will be considered only in those disciplines that are offered by the Institute.

4.1 Candidates will be permitted to join Ph.D. programme in Interdisciplinary/ Multidisciplinary areas on the recommendation of the School/ Department/ Centre concerned.

4.2 For interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research programmes, A co-supervisor shall be appointed from GRI or from other Institutions, provided the co-supervisor has already been recognized to guide Ph.D. candidates in his/her institution. Co-supervisor so recognized by GRI can act as co-supervisor only for that candidate. The co-supervisor will be an expert in the relevant area of study as by his/her publications. The foreign supervisor can also act as co-supervisor provided he/she has to submit his/her application to the authorities of GRI with the evidence of supervisorship from their institution with CV for recognition in GRI.

4.3 The Internal Co-Guides shall be duly recorded. However, such allotment shall not be counted towards the maximum permissible number of scholars for Research Supervisor (Professor – 8, Associate Professor – 6, Assistant Professor – 4). Further, Research Supervisors may also act as Internal Co-Guides for not more than

50% of the prescribed strength for their designation, over and above the stipulated limit.

4.4 The candidates are permitted to join Ph.D. programme in interdisciplinary subjects and degree will be awarded to the candidate in the department in which the candidate has registered at the time of admission.

4.5 Adjunct Faculty/ Honorary professor/ Professor of emeritus/ Professor of practice/ Visiting professor cannot act as Supervisor or Co-supervisor.

5 Procedure for applying

5.1 Inviting applications for admissions will be done online throughout the year subject to the availability of vacancies.

5.2 Admission of foreign nationals/ NRI candidates on a part-time basis will be done through an online entrance test (Multiple Choice Question-Computer Based Test) and an interview subject to other terms and conditions as stipulated by the UGC/Government of India.

5.3 Foreign nationals/ NRI candidates (Teaching/ Non-Teaching) should have five years of work experience before seeking admission to Ph.D. programme at GRI.

5.4 No candidate from other states except North east, Kashmir, Ladakh, Andamans and Lakshadweep regions of India will be given online entrance option. However on exceptional circumstances online test for other candidates can be conducted at the discretion of the authorities. A separate fee will be collected for such online examination and online interview as prescribed by the institute.

(i) Foreigners/ NRI - US $150

(ii) Indian Nationals - Rs.1000/-

5.5 A Common Entrance Test will be conducted through both online and offline by the Controller of Examinations for the eligible candidates as detailed below: This pattern is applicable for Indian, NRI and foreign students.

(a) Question paper pattern for Research Aptitude Test

1. Duration-1hour

2. Type-Multiple Choice Questions
3. Marks-50 (50×1)

(b) Question paper pattern for Subject Test (Descriptive)

1. Duration-1hour
2. Distribution-5 out of 7 questions
3. Marks-Each question carries 10 Marks (5×10)

5.6 Question papers for Research Aptitude Test (General) and Subject Test will be set and evaluated by a Board consisting of the Dean/ HOD/ Director and the Research Supervisors concerned.

5.7 There will be an Admission Committee consisting of the Dean/ HOD/ Director of the School/ Department/ Centre and the recognized supervisors of the School/ Department/ Centre. During the interview, the candidates shall present their research area/ concept and a research supervisor will be allotted at the time of interview, if the candidate is selected for the Ph.D programme.

6 Allocation of Research Supervisor

6.1 Permanent faculty members working as Senior Professor/ Professor/ Associate Professor of the Institute with a Ph.D. and at least five research publications in peer-reviewed or refereed journals after the award of Ph.D Degree shall be recognized as Research Supervisors after the declaration of probation.

6.2 Permanent faculty members working as Assistant Professor of the Institute with a Ph.D. and at least three research publications after award of Ph.D. Degree in peer-reviewed or refereed journals shall be recognized as Research Supervisors after the declaration of probation.

6.3 Recognized Research Supervisors of GRI can act only as co-supervisors in other departments of GRI.

6.4 A recognized Senior Professor/ Professor/ Associate Professor/ Assistant Professor shall guide up to eight(8)/ six(6) / four(4) Ph.D. scholars, respectively, at any given time.

6.5 Faculty members with less than one year of service before superannuation shall not be permitted to take new research scholars

under their supervision. However, Research Supervisors, after retirement, may continue to guide their existing Ph.D. Scholars as Supervisors and there shall be no requirement to change their role to that of Co-Guide.

7 Admission of International students

Each supervisor can guide two international research scholars on a supernumerary basis over and above the permitted number of scholars as specified in these regulations.

8 Research Advisory Committee

8.1 There shall be an approved Research Advisory Committee (RAC) for every Ph.D. scholar.

8.2 The composition of the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) shall be as mentioned hereunder.

(a) Research Supervisor – Convener & Chairperson

(b) The Dean/ Head/ Internal Subject Expert from GRI – Member

(c) External Subject Expert – Member

8.3 The external subject expert should not be below the rank of Associate Professor, as suggested by the Research Supervisor and the RAC external expert should be drawn within the state of TamilNadu.

8.4 The Retired Professors shall not be included as External Experts in the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) and in the panel of adjudicators.

8.5 The meeting of RAC shall be convened by the Research Supervisor under intimation to the authorities concerned and the quorum for RAC meeting shall be two out of three members but the external subject expert should be present.

8.6 The Research Advisory Committee shall have the following responsibilities:

(a) To review the research proposal and finalize the topic of

research.

(b) To guide the Ph.D. scholar in developing the study design and research methodology and identify the courses(s) that he/she may have to do.

(c) To periodically review and assist in the progress of the research work of the Ph.D. scholar.

(d) Research Advisory Committee meeting shall be conducted within three months of admission of the candidate.

8.7 A Ph.D. scholar shall send the progress report every six months through the Research Supervisor.

8.8 For Research Advisory Committee meetings, the external member may attend the meetings through online/offline.

8.9 The RAC shall submit its recommendations in the prescribed format along with a copy of the Ph.D. scholar's progress report to the Institute. A copy of the report shall be provided to the Ph.D. scholar as well.

8.10 In case the progress of the Ph.D. scholar is unsatisfactory, the RAC shall record the reasons for the same and suggest corrective measures.

8.11 If the Ph.D. scholar fails to implement the corrective measures, the RAC may recommend, with specific reasons, the cancellation of the registration of the Ph.D. scholar.

8.12 The RAC for each candidate shall meet twice during the entire Ph.D. programme.

1. Scrutinizing the proposal and framing the syllabus and setting the question paper for coursework.
2. Synopsis presentation.

8.13 TA/DA and sitting fee for external expert will be borne by GRI whenever the RAC meeting is held at GRI as per institute norms.

8.14 The RAC meeting can also be conducted through online, with the prior approval of the Vice Chancellor, if the candidate or the Supervisor or the Joint Supervisor or the External Member is in a foreign country, or is unable to attend the RAC meeting due to unforeseen circumstances.

8.15 RAC meetings can be conducted in the place of external expert with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor and if it is conducted in the place of the external member, TA/DA for the Research Supervisor will be borne by GRI and the external members shall be paid sitting fee as per institute norms.

8.16 The minutes of the meeting of the Research Advisory Committee along with the enclosures shall be submitted to the CoE under intimation to the authorities concerned.

9 Course Work and Examinations

9.1 The credit requirement for Ph.D. coursework is 14 credits and the candidate has to complete the following courses. As per the credit

Sl. No.	Course Name	Credit
1	Research Methodology	4
2	Basic Concept and Theory in the Domain Area	4
3	Area of Specialization	4
4	Research and Publication Ethics	2

policy of the institute credit transfer for course work will be considered.

9.2 The RAC can also recommend UGC recognized online courses as part of the credit requirements for the Ph.D. programme.

9.3 JRF Ph.D. scholars, irrespective of their disciplines, shall be trained in teaching/ education/ pedagogy/ writting related to their Ph.D. subject during their research programme. They may also be assigned 4 - 6 hours per week of teaching/ research assistant ship for conducting tutorial or laboratory classes/ evaluations.

9.4 A Ph.D. scholar must obtain a minimum of 55% marks or its equivalent grade in the UGC 10-point scale in the course work examination to be eligible to continue his/her research programme and to submit his/her thesis.

9.5 The coursework shall be under taken within one year from the date of admission and a maximum of three attempts will be permitted for the completion of the coursework. Registration will be cancelled automatically if he/she fails after three attempts.

9.6 The coursework examinations shall be conducted strictly in offline mode only and not through online mode.

9.7 The syllabus for coursework Sl.No.1, 2 and 3 will be prescribed by the Research Advisory Committee of the candidate. UGC prescribed syllabus will be followed for Course work "Research and Publication Ethics" (Sl.No.4).

9.8 The evaluation of answer scripts of all the course work, shall be done by Research supervisor Concerned.

9.9 Grading

The marks scored by the candidates will be converted into Grades (G) and Grade Points (GP) as shown below:

Marks	Grade	GP
90–100	O	10
80–89	A+	9
70–79	A	8
60–69	B+	7
55–59	B	6
Lessthan55	Fail	

10 Duration of the Ph.D. Programme

10.1 All Ph.D. programmes shall be for a minimum duration of three years, including coursework, and a maximum duration of six years from the date of admission to the Ph.D. programme.

10.2 Women Ph.D. scholars and Persons with Disabilities (with more than 40% disability) will be allowed an additional relaxation of two years; however, the total period for the completion of a Ph.D. programme in such cases should not exceed eight years from the date of admission to the Ph.D. programme.

10.3 A maximum of an additional two years can be given through a process of re-registration, provided the total period for the completion of a Ph.D. programme shall not exceed eight years from the date of admission to the Ph.D. programme.

11 Conversion

11.1 Research scholars may convert their registration from part-time to full-time and from full-time to part-time, after the completion of course work and before the minimum period only once in the period.

11.2 Despite conversion, the maximum duration of research will remain the same as per these regulations.

11.3 Part-time research scholars shall present the progress of the work to the RAC periodically.

12 Evaluation and Assessment

12.1 Upon satisfactory completion of the coursework, the Ph.D. scholar shall be required to undertake research work and produce a draft thesis.

12.2 After the approval of the synopsis by the Research Advisory Committee, the candidate becomes eligible for submitting the synopsis.

12.3 A Plagiarism Certificate along with an AI similarity report shall be furnished on the first page of the thesis.

12.4 The Institute shall have a mechanism to detect plagiarism and all Ph.D. theses shall go for a plagiarism check (with maximum of 10% of plagiarism) and only after due clearance the candidates shall be allowed to submit their Ph.D. theses. Research integrity shall be a key aspect of all research activities leading to the award of the Ph.D. degree.

12.5 The research scholar shall submit three copies of his/her synopsis duly approved by Research Advisory Committee three months prior to the submission of his/her Ph.D. thesis.

12.6 The synopsis should include the objectives, methodology and findings and should not exceed ten pages.

12.7 The synopsis shall be submitted along with the following documents:

a. Copy of the minutes of RAC meeting.

b. A panel of adjudicators comprising (Four experts from within

India (Outside Tamil Nadu) and four experts from outside the country along with their brief Curriculum Vitae (CV), for adjudicating the thesis.)

c. Panel of 3 examiners drawn from the State of Tamil Nadu to conduct Viva-Voce Examination.

d. Soft copy of the synopsis.

e. Filled-in proforma for synopsis submission.

f. **Science disciplines:** Two research publications in the SCOPUS/WoS indexed journals.

Other than Sciences disciplines: One research publications in the SCOPUS/WoS indexed journals and another in peer-reviewed journal.

12.8 With regard to research publications, the research scholar will be the primary author and the Research Supervisor(s) will be the co-author/ corresponding author.

12.9 A Ph.D. scholar shall submit three copies of his/her thesis in the prescribed format for evaluation, along with (a) an undertaking that no part of the thesis has been plagiarized and (b) a certificate from the Research Supervisor attesting to the originality of the thesis with the declaration that the thesis has not been submitted for the award of any other degree/ diploma to any other Higher Educational Institution.

12.10 The title of the thesis shall be as approved by RAC in its meeting held before the submission of the synopsis is final.

12.11 The Ph.D. Thesis submitted shall be evaluated by the Research Supervisor and at least two external examiners who are experts in the field. One of the external examiners should be from outside India.

12.12 Thesis in Indian languages namely, Tamil, Hindi and Malayalam shall be referred to two examiners within India for adjudication. These departments shall submit panel of ten external examiners from within India.

12.13 Adjudicators of Ph.D. thesis shall be asked to indicate clearly whether:

a. The thesis is accepted for the award of the Ph.D. degree in its present form.

b. The thesis is accepted for the award of the Ph.D. degree after minor corrections/revisions.

c. The thesis can be passed after obtaining necessary clarifications during the Viva-Voce.

d. The thesis should be revised and resubmitted to the examiner for re-evaluation.

e. The thesis should be revised as suggested in the examiner's report and the revised thesis may be referred to the Research Supervisor to verify if the candidate has carried out the corrections suggested by the examiner.

f. The thesis is rejected.

12.14 The degree of Doctor of Philosophy shall be awarded only if:

a. The thesis is unanimously recommended for the award of the degree by all the three adjudicators and

b. The candidate performs satisfactorily at the public viva voce.

12.15 The viva voce shall be conducted by Board of Examiners which shall consist of the External Examiner and the Research Supervisor.

12.16 The viva voce shall be held in public with a notice of two weeks in advance. The reports of the adjudicators will be given to the scholar before the viva voce without disclosing the names/ identify of the adjudicators.

12.17 The viva voce shall be conducted online or in-person mode. The mode shall be decided by the viva voce board under intimation to the Controller of Examinations.

12.18 The viva voce shall take place only:

a. If all the three examiners have recommend the acceptance of the thesis after the incorporation of corrections/revisions, if any.

b. If one of the external examiners rejects the thesis, the Institute shall send the thesis to a second external examiner in the same category namely, Indian/Foreign examiner, from the approved panel of examiners and the viva voce shall be held only after the second examiner recommends acceptance of the thesis.

c. If the second examiner too does not recommend the acceptance of the thesis, it shall be rejected and the Ph.D. scholar shall be

declared ineligible for the award of a Ph.D. degree.

12.19 The entire process of evaluating a Ph.D. thesis, including the declaration of the viva voce result, shall be completed within six months from the date of the submission of the thesis.

12.20 Examiners belonging to the institutions of Supervisor and Co-supervisor are not to be included in the panel of adjudicators and Panel of examiners for conducting Viva-Voce.

12.21 If the Candidate fails to take the Viva-Voce for a maximum period of 6 months after the receipt of the consolidated reports due to unforcing circumstances, the Vice- chancellor can permit two three-month extensions on specific request with the recommendations from the Research Supervisor. If the candidate fails to take the Viva-Voce.

even after the extensions, the Ph.D. registration gets cancelled automatically.

13 Early Submission

Research Scholar who have satisfied the minimum publications of two publications in Scopus / peer reviewed journals / patents with RAC recommendations can submit before six months of the minimum period.

14 Cancellation of Registration

The decision on the above will be on the recommendation of the Research Supervisor and at the discretion of the Vice-Chancellor. A candidate's registration stand cancelled automatically in the event of nonpayment of Annual Research Fee within three months from the due date. No request for condoning the delay in the payment of fees and submission of report will be entertained from the candidates whose registration is cancelled automatically. A Research Scholar who fails to fulfill the RAC requirements and / or fails to submit his/her thesis even after the maximum period, his/her registration will be cancelled.

15 Relocation of Women Ph.D. Scholars and Transfer of Data

In case of relocation of women Ph.D. scholars due to marriage or any other reason, research data gathered by them shall be transferred on request and approval of Research Supervisor and approval of authorities from GRI to other institutions where the scholar intends to relocate, provided the research work does not pertain to a project sanctioned to the parent institution/ supervisor by any funding agency. In any case there should not be any violation of Intellectual Property Rights.

16 Change of Research Supervisors and Transfer of Scholars

Transfer of Ph.D. Scholars from one supervisor to another supervisor within the same department or in related departments may be considered on valid grounds with mutual consent given by both the present and proposed supervisor. Research Supervisors who wish to avail long leave/ lien/ deputation/ foreign service beyond a period of six months shall nominate a co-supervisor subject to the recommendation of RAC.

17 Leave Provisions

17.1 There is no vacation as such for research scholars.

17.2 A full-time Ph.D. scholar is entitled to 30 day's personal/ medical leave every year. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays during the leave period are counted as leave, except for prefixed or suffixed holidays. No leave shall be carried over to the following year.

17.3 Women 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 with full fellowship/scholarship.

17.4 Men Ph.D. scholars with less than two children shall be eligible for 15 days of paternity leave once in the entire period of their research.

17.5 Duty Leave may be granted for a maximum of two months every academic year or as recommended by RAC for field work after the completion of the course work. The scholar shall submit the details of the proposed fieldwork along with the application for duty leave.

A report signed by the supervisor shall be submitted to the Head/ Dean/ Director of the Department/ School/ Centre concerned on completion of field work.

17.6 Research Scholars are eligible for academic leave up to a maximum of 15 days per academic year to participate in conferences, seminars and workshops organized by outside agencies. Applications for academic leave have to be recommended by the Supervisor under intimation to HOD/ Dean/ Director concerned.

18 Research Supervisor

18.1 The application for recognition should be submitted along with copies of supporting documents (CV, copy of the Ph.D degree certificate and reprints) to the Registrar through the HOD/ Dean/ Director concerned and based on the expert opinion, the recognition will be given.

18.2 The Research Supervisors of Institute are not permitted to guide the research scholars of other Universities/ Institutes and the other University faculty members are not permitted to guide GRI scholars for Ph.D degree. Similarly the Research Supervisors of GRI are permitted to act as Joint-Supervisors for candidates of both GRI and other Universities/ Institutions with the specific approval of the Vice-Chancellor. The credit for the Joint Research Supervisor is the same as that of the Research Supervisor.

19 Issuing a Provisional Certificate

Prior to the actual award of the Ph.D. degree, the Institute shall issue a provisional certificate.

20 Submission to INFLIBNET

Following the successful completion of the evaluation process and before the announcement of the award of the Ph.D. degree, the Institute shall submit an electronic copy of the Ph.D. thesis to INFLIBNET, for hosting it in its website and make it accessible to higher educational and research institutions.

21 Publication of Thesis

After the award of the Ph.D. degree, the thesis may be published in reputed journals or in the form of book under intimation to the Institute by the scholar through his/her Research Supervisor.

22 Power to remove any difficulty

a. In case of disputes/ difficulties in the conduct of the Ph.D. programme, they may be resolved by the School Dean in consultation with the Scholar, Research Supervisor, HoD and RAC member.

b. If necessary, the Dean may constitute a committee to resolve disputes/ difficulties and the recommendations may be forwarded to the Vice-Chancellor for his/her arbitration.

c. The Vice-Chancellor/ Academic Council has the powers to deal with any impediments regarding the Ph.D. programme, notwithstanding the provisions contained in these guidelines.

Important Note:

1. *The Institute reserves the right to make changes in these Regulations from time to time.*

2. *Notwithstanding the provisions contained in these Regulations, the Institute has the right to decide on any issue concerning the Ph.D. programme as per its rules and regulations.*

Annexure I

Fee Structures for Ph.D. Programmes

Fee Particulars	Arts		Science	
	Full-time(Rs.)	Part-time(Rs.)	Full-time(Rs.)	Part-time(Rs.)
Per Annum				
Research fee	12000	23000	12000	23000
Laboratory fee	—	—	5000	5000
Library fee	500	500	500	500
Computer fee	500	500	500	500
Health care fee	500	500	500	500
Group Health Insurance	200	—	200	—
Calendar fee	100	100	100	100
Sub Total (A)	**13800**	**24600**	**18800**	**29600**
One-time Payment				
General caution Fee	2000	5000	2000	5000
Lab caution deposit	—	—	2000	2000
Library caution deposit	500	500	500	500
Alumni Association	100	100	100	100
Sub Total (B)	**2600**	**5600**	**4600**	**7600**
Grand Total (A+B)	**16400**	**30200**	**23400**	**37200**
Other Fees				
Re-registration fee	10000	20000	10000	20000
Thesis Submission fee	15000	15000	15000	15000
Thesis submission certificate	500	500	500	500
Thesis Evaluation fee	actuals	actuals	actuals	actuals
Viva-voce Completion Certificate	500	500	500	500
Provisional certificate	500	500	500	500
Postal expenses	actuals	actuals	actuals	actuals

Tatkal Degree Special Fees: Rs.5000/-(in addition to regular fees)
Insurance period will cover second year onwards.

Annexure II

FEE DETAILS

Application Fees

Sl. No.	Programme	Cost of Application	
		SC/ST*	Other Categories
1.	**Ph.D.**		
	a)Online	Free of cost	Rs.2,000/-
	b)Foreigners		
	i) SAARC & Developing countries		US $150
	ii)Other countries		US $250
	c) Fee for online entrance test and online interview		
	i) Foreign/ NRI candidates		US $150
	ii)North and North Eastern regions		Rs.1,000/-

*on producing the number mentioned in the community certificates.

The fees for the research scholars from SAARC and developing countries will be the same as that of the Indian candidates. However, Research Scholars from other foreign countries have to pay four times all the fees except caution deposit levied for Indian candidates in US $.

a) Fee for Course Work Examination (for each paper):Rs.1500/-

b) Late Fee

1. For those who do not pay the Research Fee within the prescribed time, the following period-wise fine will be collected:
   i) Upto one month:Rs.500/-
   ii) Upto three months:Rs.2000/-
2. Late fee for delayed submission of thesis:Rs.5000/-
   (Those candidates who are unable to submit their thesis within three months after the submission of their synopsis and before the expiry of six months after the submission of synopsis shall pay the late fee within the maximum period.)

Note 1 - If any Research Scholar does not pay the Research Fee even beyond three months, his/her Ph.D registration shall stand automatically cancelled and this will be intimated to the candidate through the HOD and the Research Supervisor.

Note 2 - At the time of admission the fees should be paid offline Canara Bank (Account no:85001010013300) by the Challan issued by the finance section. Annual research fee through online should be paid through the Research scholar portal.

Annexure III
Question Paper Pattern for Course Work of Ph.D.

QUESTION CODE

Title of the Programme (Ph.D.) (Subject)
Title of the Course (Name of the Ph.D. Scholar)

Maximum:100Marks Answer ALL Questions 5×20=100
Time:3 Hours

I. A.
(OR)
B.

II. A.
(OR)
B.

III. A.
(OR)
B.

IV. A.
(OR)
B.

V. A.
(OR)
B.

Note: Each Question may contain any no. of subdivisions with the specification of mark distribution for each subdivision.

Annexure IV

THE GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE – DEEMED
TO BE UNIVERSITY, GANDHIGRAM

Six Monthly Progress Report (_____to _____)

1.0 Name of the Candidate :

2.0 Date of Registration :

3.0 Name of the Research Supervisor :

4.0 Name of the Joint Supervisor :

5.0 Brief Report on the work carried out during the six months reference period _____to _____(1000words).

Supervisor's Signature **Candidate's Signature**

Annexure V
FORMAT OF THE SYNOPSIS OF PH.D

(Cover Page)

Title of the Thesis (not exceeding 15 words)

Synopsis of the Thesis to be submitted to
The Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed to be University
in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the award of the
Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

By
(Name of the candidate)

Department
The Gandhigram Rural Institute
(Deemed to be University)
Gandhigram – 624302
Tamil Nadu,
India

Month and Year

Annexure VI – GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THESIS

Prescribed format for submission of Thesis for Ph.D programmes

i) Cover/ Face Sheet

(Title of theThesis)

Title of the Thesis should be compact

Thesis
Submitted to
The Gandhigram Rural Institute
(Deemed to be University)
in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the award of the
Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

By
(Name of the candidate)

Department
The Gandhigram Rural Institute
(Deemed to be University)
Gandhigram – 624302
Tamil Nadu,
India

Month and Year

(ii) **Certificates**

Name of the Research Supervisor
Designation
Department/Faculty
The Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU)

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the Thesis titled_____is the Bonafide record of the original research work carried out by _____ under my supervision and that it has not been submitted elsewhere for the award of any degree/ diploma.

Place:
Date:

Signature of the Supervisor

(iii) **Declaration**

DECLARATION

I _____declare that the Thesis titled _____is the Bonafide record of the original research work carried out by me under the guidance of _____ and that it has not been submitted elsewhere for the award of any degree/ diploma.

Place:
Date:

Signature of the Candidate

(iv) **Declaration Against plagiarism**

I, _____, hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the thesis / dissertation titled " _____" and submitted for the degree of Ph.D to the Gandhigram Rural Institute is my own work to the extent that all sources have been properly acknowledged and the work contains no plagiarism.

Further, I submit a soft copy (PDF format in CD) and acknowledge that the above work may be checked for data-matching and if found to be plagiarized of any part I may be subjected to any disciplinary action including to either rejection of the work or cancellation of the registration from the entire programme of the study.

Date: **Signature**

Counter Signature of the Research supervisor/ Guide.

v) **Acknowledgement**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The thesis shall carry an acknowledgement of not more than two pages, wherein the candidate shall thank the Supervisor, the Institute specifying the department and the Faculty, other persons / institutions who helped him/her academically and those who helped him/her non-academically in the course of the study and in the preparation of the thesis. Thanking the typist / Xerox company and others should be avoided.

Place:
Date:

Signature

vi) **Contents**

CONTENTS

The contents shall list the chapters of the thesis and the bibliography in their order along with the numbers of the first pages. In the case of the thesis, wherein chapters are subdivided into distinct sections, the sectional subdivisions may also be listed in their order with the numbers of their first page under each sub division. The Appendix may be listed in their order after bibliography.

vii) **List of Symbols & Abbreviations**

The symbols and abbreviations used in the thesis wherever applicable shall be listed with their explanation /expansion.

---

viii) **List of Tables**

The tables shall be listed in the contents with the irrespective page numbers.

Within the body of the thesis, the table should have self-explanatory captions.

---

ix) **List of Figures**

The figures shall be listed in the content with their respective page numbers. Within the body of the thesis, the figures captions should be immediately below the figure with explanations for the symbols used therein.

---

x) **Abstract**

ABSTRACT

The abstract of the Dissertation / Thesis shall not exceed two pages (a soft copy of the same in a CD should be handed over to the Office of the Controller of Examinations).

---

xi) **Bibliography**

BIBLIOGRAPHY

List of publications, journals, monographs, books etc. List of publications out of this work.

---

xii) **Other specifications to be followed for thesis**

Paper	: A4 size Bond paper (any brand)
Font size	: 10 to 14
Font type	: Times New Roman / Gothic
Line Spacing	: 1.5 space (or 2 spaces)
Top margin	: 0.75inch
Bottom margin	: 1 inch (with page number at the centre)
Left margin	: 1.5 inch
Right margin	: 0.75inch

Double side printing can be done

xiii) **General Conditions**

I. The thesis shall be presented in A4 size paper of the bond variety because it is an important document to be preserved.

II. The maximum number of pages of a Ph.D. thesis excluding the bibliography and the appendices (i.e. from page one to the last page of the text only of the thesis) shall not exceed 300.

III. Xerox copies can be made from the original script. Copies of the Ph.D thesis should be with calico binding using flexible whiteboards.

IV. Three copies of the Ph.D. thesis along with a CD containing the full thesis are to be submitted to the Department/ Faculty concerned through the Research Supervisor. The Head of the Department will immediately forward the copies of the thesis to the Controller of Examinations.

V. No insertion of "dedication" is allowed in the Thesis.

xiv) **Format of the Synopsis**

The synopsis of the thesis should be typed as specified in (xii) and should strictly follow the conditions given below:

i) A4 size bond paper.

ii) The synopsis must contain a minimum of 6 pages and must not exceed 10 pages.

iii) Five copies of the synopsis must be submitted to the Controller of Examinations, through Proper Channel.

iv) The cover must be in white board with calico binding.

v) The title of the synopsis and the thesis should be the same.

****