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Sub: PhD Evaluation process – Guidelines to the Examiners – reg:

In order to maintain the confidentiality and fairness in the PhD evaluation process and to ensure time bound award of PhD degree, all Research Supervisors/Examiners shall strictly adhere to the following guidelines:

- 1. The PhD evaluation report submitted by the examiners shall be comprehensive and the recommendation shall be specific.
- 2. The examiners shall submit the thesis evaluation report within the period allotted to them for submitting the same.
- 3. The Supervising teacher, who is also one of the examiners for PhD thesis evaluation as per UGC Regulations 2016, shall not correspond either by written mode or through phone with the external examiners of a particular candidate during the progress of evaluation.
- 4. The Supervising teachers as well as the external examiners shall not share the copy of PhD thesis evaluation report to any other person in any form other than to University.
- 5. It is the primary responsibility of the Supervising teacher to maintain the confidentiality of the evaluation process and to discourage the practice of corresponding with other examiners.
- 6. Any action from the part of any Research Supervisors or External Examiners, contrary to the guidelines issued in this regard will be viewed seriously and necessary action will be initiated against such Supervisors/Examiners.

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Dated: 20/05/2025

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