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(Abstract)

Ph.D. Research – Guidelines for changing Research Supervisor/ Research Centre of the Research Scholar - Approved– Orders issued.

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Dated: 27.10.2025

*Read:-*1. Item No. 11.12.C10 of the Minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 02.07.2024.
2. Item No. 18.108.C10 of the Minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 17.03.2025.

ORDER

The Syndicate, vide paper read as (1) above considered the observation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 06.06.2024 regarding the frequent requests received from the Research Scholars for granting change of Research Supervisor / Research Centre without any valid and genuine reasons and resolved to constitute a Sub-committee to formulate the guidelines for granting change of Research Supervisor/Research Centre.

The Syndicate, vide paper read as (2) above, considered the report of the Sub-committee held on 28.01.2025 along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, and resolved to approve the following guidelines for granting change of Research Supervisor and / Research Centre:

1. Change of Research Centre

Change of Research Centre of a Research Scholar shall be allowed only under any of the following conditions:

a. Research Scholars suffering from any medical issues of serious nature which prohibits the Research Scholar to pursue normal research activities in the present centre, including accident disabilities of permanent nature, other physical disabilities preventing the scholar from travelling etc. In such cases, Medical Certificate from a competent Medical Officer not less than the rank of Civil Surgeon or from a Medical Board shall be submitted.

b. Change in the Facility Centre of the Research Supervisor

2. Change of Research Supervisor

Change of Research Supervisor shall be allowed only under any of the following conditions:

a. Superannuation/Retirement of the present Research Supervisor
b. Suspension from service of the present Research Supervisor
c. Demise of Research Supervisor
d. Permanent transfer of Research Supervisor to another University or Institution outside the geographical jurisdiction of the University.

3. In all other cases, other than those mentioned above, the request for changing the Research Supervisor / Research Centre which requires special consideration, shall be decided by the Syndicate.

4. The Chairperson Doctoral Committee concerned, shall ensure that the request for changing the Research Supervisor / Research Centre have valid reasons in accordance with the above norms and the application shall be accompanied by supporting documents.

Sanction has therefore been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor to implement the above guidelines as approved by the Syndicate.



Orders are issued accordingly.

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