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In view of facilitation of students with visual impairment including blindness, who wish to pursue Ph.D. programme in the University, a committee was constituted under the chairmanship of Associate Dean (Academics) to frame the guidelines. Following are the guidelines recommended by the said Committee as approved by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for implementation from the July-2022 TRAT cycle. These guidelines are suggestive in nature and may be amended from time to time based upon the requirements after approval of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.

- 1) Appropriate software and resources may be procured on the recommendations of CRC.
 - a. For visually challenged candidates, appropriate software may be procured to read study materials which are available online (although some latest devices including laptops and desktops, etc. have the embedded 'read back' system).
 - b. Tactile Printer built by IIT Delhi for the visually impaired may be procured and used for explaining diagrams and statistical equations.
 - c. Embossing Machine for printing of notes and materials in Braille may be procured for the same.
- 2) Scribe required by the visually impaired during examination and/or thesis writing may be allowed or provided by the university. The person assigned/approved as a scribe should be at least one educational qualification level less than the candidate's pursuant degree. The financial concerns may be discussed on a case-to-case basis.
- 3) For undertaking laboratory and research work, faculty or lab assistant may be assigned.
- 4) Guidelines for evaluation of literature review and thesis, paper publication and mode of thesis defense would be similar to the guidelines for a regular PhD candidate.
- 5) Presentations to the various committees may be done orally.
- 6) Timeline will be similar to that of a regular PhD candidate; however, an extension may be provided on a case-to-case basis with approval of the Honorable Vice Chancellor.
- 7) Faculty assigned for guiding the candidate may be trained in Braille from any recognized Blind School.

- 8) CRC may also explore collaborative activities with institutions like IIT Delhi, Ashoka University, Drishtee-University of Mysore, and others for research facilitation and capacity building/training of teachers.

The above guidelines shall be included in the University PhD Ordinance as a separate chapter after its ratification in the next meeting of Academic Council.

This is issued with the approval of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.



(Aditya Sharma)
Registrar

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