



Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira

A Residential Autonomous College affiliated to University of Calcutta

College with Potential for Excellence (Phase 2)

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“SWAMI VIVEKANANDA RESEARCH CENTRE”

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Swami Vivekananda Research Centre at Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, an Autonomous College, affiliated to University of Calcutta, (Regulation for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy, Ph.D.), Regulations 2015.

Passed by the Hon'ble Syndicate of University of Calcutta
dated 07.09.2015



To
Swami Shastrajnananda
The Principal
Ramkrishna Mission Vidyamandira
Belur Math, Howrah-711 202

Date: 19-09-2013

Sub: Grant of Permission for opening of Swami Vivekananda Research Centre

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 03.06.2013 regarding opening of Swami Vivekananda Research Centre to run Ph.D. courses and other researches in Ramkrishna Mission Vidyamandira, the undersigned is hereby directed to inform you that the Vice-Chancellor has been pleased to accept the report of the Inspection Team, as constituted by the Vice-Chancellor, University of Calcutta vide Syndicate resolution dated 23-08-2013 item no.32, confirmed by the Syndicate dt.12.09.2013 in favour of introduction of said course in your college from the academic session 2013-2014 subject to the following conditions:

The Institution be allowed to start Swami Vivekananda Research Centre as laid down in the Inspection Report as also relevant provisions of the Calcutta University Act, Statute, Ordinances and regulations in force and to be amended from time to time.

The broad guidelines for conducting Ph.D. courses by the Centre will comprise the following steps.

- (1) Issuance of advertisements
- (2) Selection of Scholars through Research Entrance Test
- (3) Fixing the names of Supervisors.
- (4) Administration of the facilities for conducting research work.

The preliminary list of examiners shall be prepared by the Centre. However, Examination of the theses submitted and final selection of examiners, etc. will be administered through the University Office as per the regular practice.

A report of compliance be sent to the office of the undersigned as early as possible.

Thanking you,

Sincerely yours,

Secretary, UCAC

19.09.2013

Old Regulations
of
Vidyamandira

The Principal
Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira,
Belur Math, Howrah-711202.



UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA

Notification No. CSR/ 42 /16

It is notified for information of all concerned that the Syndicate in its meeting held on 07.09.2015 (vide Item No.35) approved Swami Vivekananda Research Centre at Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, an Autonomous College, affiliated to University of Calcutta, (Regulation for the Degree of Philosophy, Ph.D.), Regulations 2015.

SENATE HOUSE
KOLKATA-700073
The 23rd August, 2016


(Prof. Dr. Soma Bandyopadhyay)

Registrar (Acting)

23.08.16

Principal,
K.K.M. Vidyamandira
Belur Math, Howrah.

Confirmed by the Syndicate dated 22.09.2015 (Item No. 01)

P R O F O R M A

(1st copy to be retained by the Department)

Syndicate, Calcutta University dated 07th September, 2015.

Item No. 35	Short resolution of the Syndicate	Action taken and remarks, if any
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To place before the Syndicate the following letter dt. 28.08.2015 from Swami Shastrajnananda, Principal, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, Belur Math, Howrah, regarding "Swami Vivekananda Research Centre at Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, an Autonomous College, affiliated to University of Calcutta, (Regulation for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy, Ph.D.), Regulations 2015" :

"We are grateful to you and the Hon'ble Syndicate of our University of Calcutta for granting us the permission for opening of the Swami Vivekananda Research Centre for our autonomous college vide the letter dated 19.09.2013 and the letter no. 6900/Ph.D./Recog. for conducting Ph.D. programme and other related research activities.

Now, I would humbly request you to kindly pass the "Swami Vivekananda Research Centre at Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, an Autonomous College, affiliated to University of Calcutta, (Regulation for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy, Ph.D.), Regulations 2015" as attached herewith.

In this connection, may I mention that there have been at least five meetings between Sri Debashis Das, the respected Senior Superintendent of the Ph.D. section of the University of Calcutta, and us as per the verbal instruction of yours regarding the finalization of the draft of the above-mentioned rules. We also talked to the respected Registrar, Prof Basab Chaudhuri, in this respect and he, too, instructed us like you to finalize the details regarding the aforesaid regulations.

We convey our heartfelt gratitude to Sri Debashis Das who has spared his valuable time to go through between the words including all the legalities of these rules."

Note from the office of the Registrar :

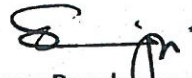
The matter was placed before the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor on 01.09.2015 when he had been pleased to order for placing the matter before the Syndicate.

(Relevant paper kept in the file)

Resolved : That itemized matter be approved.

To
The Principal,
Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira,
Belur Math, Howrah.....

Please take necessary action immediately as per above resolution of the Syndicate with due intimation to the undersigned in the 2nd Copy attached for the purpose.


Prof.(Dr.) Soma Bandyopadhyay
Registrar(Acting)

28.09.15

Copy to:
P.D. Sec R/O.
Registrar (Actg.)
28.09.15.

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Ref : SVRC/REG/08-15/04

28.08.2015

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor
University of Calcutta
Dwarbhanga Building
College Street
Kolkata

Submitted to the VC.
This is submitted as per your kind order appeared alongside.
Sir, I have gone through the regulations and it appears O.K.
This may be placed before the Syndicate for approval.
Placed for your kind advice and orders.
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A.P. cell
R/o

Sub : Prayer to pass the "Swami Vivekananda Research Centre at Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, an Autonomous College, affiliated to University of Calcutta, (Regulation for approval of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy, Ph.D.), Regulations 2015"

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With regards,

Shankrignanesa
(Swami Shastrajnananda)
Principal

Meeting Sec.
To itemize as
for syndicate as
a Table Item.
01/09/2015

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section-54 of Calcutta University Act 1979, the University of Calcutta hereby makes the following Regulations, namely:-

Short Title, Application & Commencement:

1. These regulations may be called the *Swami Vivekananda Research Centre at Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, an Autonomous College, affiliated to University of Calcutta, (Regulation for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy, Ph.D.), Regulations 2015.*

They shall apply to every candidate applying for admission registration, conduct and conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) at this *Swami Vivekananda Research Centre (henceforth to be called as SVRC)* of this autonomous college affiliated to University of Calcutta.

They shall come into force with the passing of the same by the Syndicate of the University of Calcutta.

Notwithstanding anything contained in any other Rule or Regulation for the time being in force, all admissions, registrations, course works and all others related matters leading to conferment of Degree shall be guided by these regulations.

2. GENERAL:

The Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) shall be awarded to a candidate on the basis of original research work of merit incorporated in a thesis, recommended by a board of examiners and successfully defended by the candidate during a Viva-Voce.

2.1 The thesis shall demonstrate that the candidate has technical mastery of the chosen field of investigation and is capable of doing scholarly work. The result of research embodied in the thesis shall be a contribution to existing knowledge either by a discovery of new facts or by a discovery of some new relations between facts already known, or by a critical survey of fact/issues leading to a new interpretation. The thesis is to be ordinarily written in English. If a candidate desires to submit a thesis written in Bengali or any other language or in a bilingual form, the relevant Ph.D. Committee shall consider the case on academic grounds. If the thesis belongs to a language subject, the scholar may be allowed to write his thesis in that particular language.

3. PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION:-

3.1 The College shall admit Ph.D. students (male only) through an entrance test. The students who have cleared UGC /CSIR (JRF) Examinations/ NET/SET/SLET/GATE/Teacher Fellowship or have passed equivalent examinations or passed the M.Phil./M.Tech./M.D./M.E./M.Pharm. or equivalent examination shall not be required to appear at the Ph.D. entrance test.

3.1A. In case of candidates holding a qualifying degree from other Universities, admission for the Ph.D. Programme will proceed after determination of equivalence by the relevant University body and fulfilment of the admission criteria.

3.1B Foreign students will be required to produce clearance from the

government of India and /or other appropriate authorities, if any, for admission in the Ph.D. Programme. Enrolment in the Ph. D. Programme may be allowed to only such foreign nationals as have obtained and are holding research visa.

3.2 The number of seats for the Ph.D. programme decided in advance for each department by the **SVRC** of the College in consultation with the concerned department shall be notified in the website of the College. The **SVRC** of the College shall widely advertise the number of available seats for the Ph.D. studies and conduct admission on a regular basis, the frequency of which shall be determined by the **SVRC** of the College from time to time in consultation with the concerned departments.

3.3 Ordinarily, a candidate seeking admission to the Ph.D. programme will appear at the Entrance Test in the subject in which he/~~she~~ has obtained the Masters degree. In case a candidate wishes to apply for admission in the Ph.D. programme in a subject other than the one in which he/~~she~~ has obtained the qualifying degree he/~~she~~ will have to seek an endorsement by the Ph.D. committee of the subject in which he/~~she~~ seeks admission as a Ph.D. student, at the time of the submission of his/~~her~~ application for admission to the Ph.D. programme.

Interview

3.4 The Entrance Test and/or ~~Viva voce~~ will be conducted by the **SVRC** of the college in consultation and collaboration with the Departmental Committee (DC). A candidate who has been exempted from appearing at the entrance test shall also be required to appear at the interview. At the time of interview candidates seeking admission to the Ph.D. programme will be expected to discuss their research interest/area.

3.5 Candidates selected for the Ph.D. programme will be attached to a research supervisor in the Department at the time of their admission and shall be required to enroll as a probationary Ph.D. student on payment of a non-refundable fee determined by the College.

3.6 While granting admission to a Ph.D. student, the *SVRC* and the concerned Department shall pay due attention to the National/State reservation policy.

3.7 A probationary Ph.D. student will be required to complete his/~~her~~ Ph.D. registration within two years from the date of his/~~her~~ Enrolment, failing which his/~~her~~ admission in the Ph.D. programme shall automatically stand cancelled.

4. REGISTRATION

4.1 Any person holding a Master's Degree of the University of Calcutta or its equivalent of a recognized University or Institute and has fulfilled the admission requirements stated above, may apply for registration to the Ph.D. Programme in the form prescribed for the purpose along with a non-refundable fee as decided upon by the College.

4.2 The Ph.D. Programme shall be carried out in the College Department.

4.3 If the research programme requires utilization of facilities outside the jurisdiction of the College, a student may avail of such facilities with the permission of the Principal of the college on recommendation of the Supervisor.

4.4 Special provision for the Ph. D. Programme for candidates with Post B.Sc.-B.Tech/B.Tech../B.E., M.B.B.S., equivalent degree in Law, Social Science, Business Management, Humanities and Library Science:

A candidate with Post B.Sc.- B.Tech/B.Tech../B.E., M.B.B.S., equivalent degrees in Law, social Science, Business Management, Humanities and Library Science having passed the entrance test and after being admitted to the PhD programme may apply for registration for the

Ph. D. Programme as per provision laid down in the Ph.D. regulations.

4.5 Application for registration will be considered by the relevant Ph.D. Committee at its meeting in the presence of the Supervisor, if any. On the recommendation of the Ph.D. Committee concerned and with due approval of the Principal, the candidate will be allowed to be registered provisionally for the Ph.D. Programme. The student will have to qualify in three relevant papers of the relevant P.G. Course of the respective department within two years from the date of provisional registration for being registered for the Ph.D. Programme. The proposal of the candidate for appearing at the three papers will be decided by the Supervisor and the Head of the Department with due concurrence from the Ph.D. committee concerned. The student will apply to the controller of Examinations for permission to appear according to usual procedure. There will be no bar of minimum attendance for such candidates. After qualifying in the above mentioned three papers, the candidate will apply to the Principal for approval of his provisional date of registration as the date of Ph.D. registration as per Ph.D. regulations.

4.6 If a student has three publications in peer reviewed journals of the relevant discipline, he/she may be allowed, on recommendation of the Ph.D. Committee, to register directly without having to qualify in three papers of the relevant P.G. Course concerned.

4.7 Every application for registration in prescribed form shall state the subject or inter-disciplinary field in which the candidate desires to have the degree, chosen area of specialization, the title of the research, the name of the Supervisor as well as the College Department where the Ph.D. Programme will be carried out. The application shall be supported by six copies of the synopsis of the proposed research, which shall ordinarily not exceed 1000 words, and shall include a title, short introduction, a brief overview of literature pertaining to the work, Research objectives, Research methodologies and the plan of work, duly countersigned by the Supervisor and Joint Supervisor (if any).

4.8 Application for registration will be considered by the relevant PhD. Committee at its meeting in the presence of the Supervisor and the Joint Supervisor, if any, who will share the responsibility equally with the Supervisor for guiding the research work. On the recommendation of the PhD. Committee concerned and with the due approval of the Principal or his nominee, the candidate will be allowed to be registered for the Ph. D. programme.

If the Ph. D. Committee does not consider a Synopsis/Plan of work as fit for recommendation, it shall again be examined by the Committee ordinarily within three months, after proper revision by the candidate in the light of the suggestions made by the relevant Ph.D. Committee.

If, even after this revision of the content, the Ph.D. Committee does not recommend the case, the matter shall be placed at the meeting of the Academic Council.

4.9 Ordinarily, a Ph.D. student will be registered for a Ph.D. Programme in a subject in which the candidate has obtained Master's Degree.

In case a candidate applies for Ph.D. registration in a subject other than in which he/she has obtained Master's Degree, registration will be decided by the Ph.D. Committee of the subject in which the candidate desires to be registered for Ph.D. Programme. (To be read with clause 3.3 of the regulation.)

4.10 In all cases, the date of registration shall be deemed to be the date of approval by the Principal, on the recommendation of the Ph D committee. The registration of a candidate shall remain valid for a period of five years.

In case of failure to submit the thesis within the stipulated time, a Ph D student shall have to apply for re-registration before expiry of the tenure of the existing registration. Ordinarily, a student will be allowed to be re-registered for once only. The continuity of the research work will, however, be maintained and the candidate will be exempted from other procedural formalities, if completed earlier.

4.11 The title of the thesis and the synopsis may be modified, if necessary, by the student and duly forwarded by the Supervisor with due concurrence of the Ph.D. Committee concerned. However, such modification will not be permitted after submission of the seminar report by the Ph.D. Committee. In exceptional circumstances, the Principal may, in consultation with the relevant Ph.D. Committee, allow a student to pursue a Ph.D. Programme independently.

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR PH.D. SUPERVISOR:

5.1 The criteria for the faculty to be recognized as Research Supervisor shall be:

- a) The college shall allocate the supervisor from amongst the regular faculty members in a department of this college or affiliated PG Colleges/Institutes of the University of Calcutta to which this college is also affiliated.
- b) Each Ph.D. Committee shall approve and maintain a list of Research Supervisors. The committee shall send the list(s) and also the subsequent changes/additions to the SVRC through the Principal.

5.2 The Ph.D. Programme shall be pursued by a candidate ordinarily for a minimum period of two years after registration in Departments of this college under the supervision of the recognized Research Supervisor(s).

5.3 If after registration, a change of Supervisor or of the Joint Supervisor or of both is considered necessary, the candidate may apply to the

Convener of the relevant Ph.D. Committee through the proposed Supervisor and ~~for~~ Joint Supervisor, ^{if any,} for the purpose, and with the concurrence of the previous Supervisor and ~~for~~ Joint Supervisor, ^{if any,} ordinarily within one year from the date of registration.

The Convener of the relevant Ph.D. Committee will forward such applications to the Principal for approval.

In case of continuous non-availability of the Supervisor(s), the Ph.D. Committee may, on the request by the candidate, recommend suitable replacement(s) to the Principal.

The Principal may also allow such candidates to submit their thesis independently.

In the event of the death of a Supervisor, the Ph.D. Committee, on being requested by the student, shall recommend to the Principal another recognized Supervisor for supervision of the research work.

5.4 In addition to the Supervisor and ~~for~~ Joint Supervisor, ^{if any,} an Associate Supervisor may also be recommended by the Supervisor at the time of the registration or at a later stage in special cases, where the research work involves study or investigation in more than one subject or area of knowledge, and the student needs guidance from an expert in an allied area of knowledge for part of the research work. The Supervisor, while recommending the name of an Associate Supervisor, shall indicate the part of the research work for which the help of the Associate Supervisor is required.

5.5 The number of Ph.D. candidates of this College annually shall be such or may be determined by the concerned department from time to time in accordance with U.G.C. regulation. A supervisor shall not have, at any given point of time, more than 8 Ph.D. students.

6. ALLOCATION OF SUPERVISOR:

The allocation of a supervisor for a selected student shall be decided by the departmental committee in a formal manner depending on the number of students working under the supervision of each supervisor, the available specialization among the faculty supervisors, the research interest of the student as indicated during the interview by the student and finally in consultation with the respective student and the faculty member. The allotment/allocation of supervisor shall not be left to the individual student or teacher except where the terms and conditions of the research fellowship/grant enjoyed by the student determine the choice of the supervisor.

7. COURSE WORK

7.1 Each Ph.D. student during the tenure of his registration shall be required to undertake course work for a minimum period of one semester. The syllabi to be formulated by the College departments from time to time will include courses on research methodology, quantitative methods and computer applications besides assignments by way of review of existing research in the relevant field. The concerned Department shall decide on the minimum credit/qualifying requirement for enabling a student to submit the 5000 words summary of his research at the pre Ph.D seminar.

7.2 Only upon the satisfactory completion of course work, the **SVRC of the college** will provide a completion certificate to the Ph.D. student allowing him to make a pre-Ph.D. presentation in the Departmental seminar that may be open to all faculty members and research students.

7.3 The Course work may be carried out either in a sister Department of the college or in a college affiliated to University of Calcutta or in a University/Institute recognised by University of Calcutta for which due credit shall be given to Ph.D. students. The Course work from other

Institutes must get the equivalence clearance from the Ph.D. committee concerned.

8. SUBMISSION AND EVALUATION:

8.1 Ordinarily, six months prior to submission of thesis, the candidate shall through the Supervisor forward to the convener of the Ph.D. Committee six copies of the summary of work preferably within 5000 words. The ***Principal in consultation with the*** Convener of the Ph.D. committee shall circulate the summary to the members of the Ph.D. Committee at least fifteen days before holding a Departmental Seminar. At the pre PhD seminar, the candidate shall report the research work in the presence of at least three members of the Ph.D. committee and the Supervisor. The Head of the Department, the Joint Supervisor and the Associate Supervisor, if any, should be invited to the seminar. Notice of the Seminar shall be circulated amongst teachers and the same be put up on the Departmental Notice Board and may also be sent to the Heads of allied Departments.

8.2 During the seminar any member of the Ph.D. Committee may put forward specific suggestions, if any, to the candidate, and if necessary, in writing. The candidate will be required to work upon the suggestions given by the committee.

8.3 If required, the Ph.D. Committee may ask the candidate to reappear at the seminar.

8.4 Immediately after the Seminar, the convener of the Ph.D. Committee shall forward to the Principal of the College a report in the prescribed form, on the performance of the candidate.

8.5 At least three months prior to submission of the thesis, the Supervisor and the members of the Ph.D. Committee shall meet to prepare a panel of six experts for the written part of the thesis (preferably from

outside the state) and a panel of three experts for the Viva-voce. The Convener of the Ph.D. Committee shall forthwith send to the Principal the recommended panel of experts may be along with their consents for adjudication of the thesis and a panel of three examiners for the Viva-voce, along with eight copies of the abstract of the thesis of the candidate, not exceeding 350 words (Submission in electronic format may also be allowed).

8.6 Ph.D. candidates shall at least publish one research paper in a referred journal before the submission of the thesis/monograph for adjudication, and produce evidence for the same in the form of acceptance letter or the reprint. Where referred journals are not available, Departmental committee will submit the names of available journals in the related discipline to the **SVRC** for consideration in place of referred journals.

8.7 The candidate shall submit four (five, in case there is a Joint Supervisor) typewritten or printed copies of the thesis along with electronic version (CD in pdf. Format) within five years but not ordinarily earlier than two years from the date of Ph.D. registration.

8.8 Early submission : On the recommendation of the Ph.D. Committee a Ph.D. scholar may submit his thesis at a date earlier than the date stipulated as per this regulation.

8.9 The candidate shall also deposit a fee, as decided upon by the **SVRC** of the College, along with a prescribed form duly filled in by the candidate, a certificate from the Supervisor as well as attested copies of necessary documents at the time of submission of the thesis.

8.10 The candidate may also submit in support of the thesis the contents of any work which may have been done previously by him, but the candidate shall not submit any work for which a degree or distinction has been conferred on the candidate by this or by any other College/University. The candidate will not, however, be precluded from incorporating any such

work in a thesis covering a wider field, provided a clear statement of the work so incorporated is given.

8.11 The Principal shall appoint a panel of three experts including the Supervisor (or four experts, if there is Joint Supervisor),out of which at least one shall be from outside the State, after considering the suggestion of the relevant Ph.D. Committee for adjudication of the thesis (The adjudicators/examiners shall send the report in the prescribed format).

8.12 When a thesis is unanimously and unconditionally recommended for the Degree by all the examiners, the candidate will be eligible for appearing at the Viva-Voce.

8.13 If there is any ambiguity or conditionality in the reports of the examiners, the Principal may consider the appointment of a third external examiner.

8.14 In case of non-recommendation by one of the external examiners, the Principal may consider the appointment of a third external examiner from the existing panel of examiners or if necessary, from a new panel recommended by the Ph.D. Committee.

The Principal may also, if necessary, refer such and other cases to the Research Advisory Committee, constituted for the purpose.

The Research Advisory committee shall consist of the following members:

Principal (Chairman)

Vice-Principal,
(Vice Chairman)

Controller of
Examinations,
(Member
Secretary)

Heads of all
Departments.

9. CONSTITUTION OF THE Ph.D. COMMITTEE:

9.1 The Ph.D. Programme shall be monitored by the Swami Vivekananda Research Centre(SVRC) with the help of the Ph.D. committee.

9.2 The Principal shall constitute Ph.D. committees on various subjects or distinct specializations within subjects and inter-disciplinary fields in consultation with the relevant Departmental Committee and such a PhD Committee should be approved by the Academic Council of this Autonomous College.

9.3 The constitution of the PhD Committee shall be like following :

Principal, Chairman

Vice Principal, Vice Chairman

Head of the Department, Convenor

All full time faculties (members)

One Teacher of the concerned/related department of the affiliating University (External Expert) to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor of the affiliating University

Two Teachers of the concerned/related department of the any other University (External Expert) to be nominated by the Principal

Apart from the quorum, the presence of at least one external expert in every Ph.D. Committee meeting is mandatory.

9.4 For a subject in which the college runs only Undergraduate Honours programme and no Post-Graduate Programme, Ph.D. programme may be introduced in that Department after receiving suitable permission from Academic Council of the college provided that the fulltime teacher/s of that department must be a guest faculty in the concerned Post-graduate

programme in the concerned Department of the University of Calcutta. In such a case, the Principal, in consultation with the Academic Council, may constitute a Ph.D. Committee in the following manner :

Principal, Chairman ;

Vice Principal, Vice Chairman & Convenor ;

Concerned teacher(s) of the college department who is/are teaching in the concerned PG department of the University of Calcutta ;

Two Teachers of the concerned/related department of the affiliating University (External Experts) to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor of the affiliating University ;

Two Teachers of the concerned/related department of the any other University (External Experts) to be nominated by the Principal

Apart from the quorum, the presence of at least two external experts in such a Ph.D. Committee meeting is mandatory.

9.5 The tenure of a Ph.D. Committee shall be for a period of four years unless otherwise decided by the Principal. The Ph.D. Committee shall ordinarily meet twice a year and resolutions of such meetings shall be maintained by the Convener.

9.6 50% of the total regular members will constitute the quorum of the meeting. If two consecutive meetings fall through due to lack of quorum the matter will be referred to the Principal for appropriate action.

10. VIVA-VOCE:

10.1 At the Viva-Voce, the candidate shall be examined by the Supervisor and Joint Supervisor (if there is any) and an expert to be appointed by the Principal from the panel recommended by the Ph.D. Committee. Copies of reports of the adjudicators on the written part of

the thesis shall be sent to the examiners conducting the Viva-Voce prior to the Viva-Voce. During viva-voce the candidate shall respond to the suggestions made by the examiners, if any, in writing which will be forwarded by the viva voce examiners to the Registrar along with the viva voce report.

10.2 The examiners of the Viva-Voce shall jointly submit a report to the Principal on the performance of the candidate at the said examination, clearly indicating whether the candidate deserves to be admitted to the Ph.D. Degree. If the candidate fails to satisfy the examiners at the Viva-Voce, the candidate shall be allowed by the Principal to appear again at a Viva-Voce after a period of three months from the date of the first Viva-Voce.

10.3 The Principal, after considering the reports on the thesis and the viva-Voce, shall recommend to the Academic Council of the College for the award of the Ph.D. Degree to the candidate. The Academic Council shall forthwith provisionally award the degree to the candidate under the signature of the Principal and report the same to the Vice Chancellor of the University of Calcutta for final conferment of the degree.

10.4 A diploma under the seal of the University and signed by the Vice Chancellor in the following format will be given to each successful candidate at the next annual convocation of the College.

“This is to certify that (name of the awardee) obtained the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in (name of the subject: within parentheses, broad field of specialization, if any) under the Swami Vivekananda Research Centre at Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, an autonomous College affiliated to University of Calcutta in the year (year of admittance to the degree)”.

10.5 In case a candidate is not awarded the Degree on the basis of reports of the adjudicators or of the Viva-Voce examiners, the Principal on the

recommendation of the Ph.D. Committee concerned, may permit the candidate to resubmit the thesis after necessary corrections or modifications after six months but within two years from the date on payment of usual fee for submission.

10.6 A copy of the thesis accepted for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy, with necessary corrections or modifications, if there be any, shall be retained in the College Library.

10.7 Abstracts of the thesis of all candidates admitted to the Degree by the College will be published in the "College Dissertation abstracts."

10.8 Abstracts, written in English, of all theses, accepted by the College, will also be sent by the Principal to the 'Dissertation Abstracts International' for publication, immediately after the candidate is admitted to the Degree.

11. DEPOSITORY WITH UGC

11.1 Following the successful completion of the evaluation process and announcement of the award of Ph.D, the College shall submit a soft copy of the Ph.D thesis to the UGC within a period of thirty days, for hosting the same in INFLEBNET, accessible to all Institutions/Universities.

11.2 Along with the Degree, the College shall issue a Provisional Certificate certifying to the effect that the Degree has been awarded in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations as framed under the guidelines of the UGC (Minimum Standards and procedure for award of MPhil/PhD degree) Regulations, 2009).

REPEAL

12.1 All Ph.D. scholars of the SVRC at Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, an autonomous college affiliated to the University of Calcutta, will henceforth come under the purview of these regulations.

12.2. All previous Regulations or Rules on the Ph.D. Programme of this college do hereby stand repealed.