

**APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University
Thiruvananthapuram**

Abstract

APJAKTU - Research Wing - Covid-19 Pandemic - Guidelines for resuming Ph.D Research activities under APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University during the lock down period- Implemented - Orders issued.

RESEARCH SECTION

U.O.No. 779/2020/KTU

Thiruvananthapuram, Dated: 24.05.2020

Read:-Letter No.D.O.No.F.1-1/2020(Secy) dated 29.04.2020 communicating the UGC Guidelines on Examinations and Academic Calendar in view of Covid-19 Pandemic.

ORDER

The University Grants Commission vide the paper read above had communicated the "Guidelines on Examinations and Academic Calendar for the Universities in view of COVID-19 Pandemic and subsequent lock down" and had requested to adopt / adapt and implement the guidelines in Universities.

Considering the same and based on the recommendations by the University Grants Commission sanction is hereby accorded by the Vice-Chancellor issuing the following Guidelines for resuming PhD Research activities under the University during the lock down period due to COVID-19 Pandemic:-

1. The pending Doctoral Committee meetings, Pre-Comprehensive and Comprehensive viva DC meetings, Research proposal seminar, Second seminar, Synopsis DC and Thesis Viva-voce can be scheduled as online meetings through video conferencing by using a reliable and mutually convenient technology, in compliance with the concerned regulations in those regard in the Research Regulations of the University. While conducting the meetings it is to be strictly ensured that the guidelines regarding the standard operating procedures for the lock down period issued by Central and State Governments and the University are being followed. For comprehensive viva as well as the thesis viva, where the candidate is required to explain through equations or illustrations, suitable technology may be adopted, or at least the required matter be written neatly in a paper and displayed in the view of the camera.
2. While conducting the Viva-Voce Examination through Video Conferencing by using electronic means, it may be ensured that it will be open to be attended by members of the Doctoral Committee, all faculty members of the department, research scholars and other interested experts/ researchers, besides the Research Supervisor and Expert(s)/Examiner(s), as applicable.
3. For the meetings and seminars mentioned in Item No.1, the attendance as mentioned in the research regulations shall be ensured.
4. The video recordings of the sessions / meetings shall be e-mailed to the University research section (deanresearch@ktu.edu.in or directorresearch@ktu.edu.in) along with the approved minutes regarding the same.
5. The protocols of "social distancing" as issued by the Central / State Governments / University shall be maintained in all such meetings / seminars / sessions.
6. This order holds initially for a period upto 31st July 2020 and shall be subject to the directions issued by the State / Central Governments from time to time in connection with the preventive measures taken / to be taken for containing COVID-19 Pandemic.

Orders are issued accordingly.



Sd/-

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Copy to:-

1. All Research Centres / Colleges affiliated to this University
2. The Secretary, University Grants Commission
3. PS to VC / Ps to PVC / PA's to Registrar / Dean (Academic) / Controller of Examinations
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