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Respected Madam/Sir,

As you are aware that amid the lockdown due to the COVID-19, University Grants Commission vide its letter No.F.1-1/2020(Secy) dated 29.04.2020 has issued Guidelines on Examinations and Academic Calendar for the Universities in View of COVID-19 Pandemic and Subsequent Lockdown. The above guidelines are available on the UGC website. In para 12 of the guidelines, the following was proposed:

“The universities may conduct the Ph.D. and M. Phil. Viva -Voce Examinations through Video Conferencing using Google, Skype, Microsoft Technologies or any other reliable and mutually convenient technology, subject to the approval of the concerned statutory authority of the university, in compliance of Clause 9.6 to 9.9 of the UGC Regulations, 2016 regarding award of M. Phil / Ph.D. Degree. While conducting the Viva-Voce Examination through Video Conferencing using electronic means, it may be ensured that it will be open to be attended by members of the Research Advisory 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. It is also imperative on the part of the university to maintain due record of the same, including the report signed by Expert(s)/ Examiner(s) appointed for conducting the same.”

Further, UGC vide its letter no. 14-8/2020(CPP-II) dated 11.02.2022 has informed the HEIs that it may open campuses; conduct classes and examination in offline/online mode. This letter is also available on the UGC website.

In view of above, the higher educational institutions may consider to conduct the M.Phil/Ph.D viva-voce examination through offline/ video-conferencing using Google, Skype, Microsoft Technologies or any other reliable and mutually convenient technology.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Rajnish Jain)

To

- The Vice-Chancellors of all Universities
- The Principals/Directors of all Colleges/Institutes