

Amendment in R13. Comprehensive Examination

- a) Every PhD scholar must pass a Comprehensive Examination.
- b) Comprehensive Examination will be conducted by the respective department of the PhD scholar after the PhD scholar successfully completes all the course work prescribed by the Doctoral Committee (DC) OR before 4 semesters from the date of registration, whichever is earlier.
- c) The Comprehensive Examination (CE) Committee is Chaired by the Chairman of the DC and consists of, apart from the DC members, two additional faculty members of the Institute or outside the Institute nominated by the Head of the Department.
- d) The Comprehensive Exam pattern can be either written test and oral examination or only oral examination as decided by the CE Committee. The exam shall cover the course work completed by the research scholar and the fundamental knowledge required to carry out in the chosen research area.
- e) A minimum of 3 months advance information must be provided to the scholar for scheduling the CE Exam.
- f) If a scholar fails to complete the CE exam in the first attempt a second attempt must be given with adequate time as in (e).
- g) The Registration of the scholar will be cancelled if that scholar is unable to successfully complete the Compressive Examinations in two attempts.

Introduction of State-of-the-Art Seminar

- a) After the successful completion of the Comprehensive Examination, a PhD scholar must present a State-of-the-Art Seminar (SOAS). The presentation is open to all. In this, the scholar must provide (i) literature survey and (ii) broad areas chosen for research.

- b) The SOAS is to be scheduled within six months after successful completion of Comprehensive Examination. Six months' time is given to a PhD scholar for deep literature survey and clarity in the broad area of Research.
- c) At the time of SOAS, a PhD scholar must submit a Research report (Less than 10 pages) on literature review, broad research area and work done (if any).

Introduction of Annual Progress Seminar

- a) The DC must conduct annual progress evaluation. A PhD scholar must appear for such evaluations and submit a progress report (less than 5 pages) and present a seminar highlighting the progress in research work. After 5 years from the date of registration, the progress evaluation must be done every six months.
- b) If the DC finds that the progress of the scholar is poor for successive two evaluations, DC can cancel HTRA (Half Time Teaching Research Assistance) OR PhD registration OR Both.

The above amendments are to be implemented for the PhD scholars not completed their Comprehensive Examination with immediate effect.