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Sub:- Directorate of Research - Ph.D. Final Thesis Submission - Norms for the conduct of Open Defence - reg

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With regard to the conduct of Open defence programme to be held after the adjudication of the thesis by two Experts, appointed by the university, all the Heads of the Research Centres are hereby requested to strictly comply with the following norms:

**Norms for conduct of the Ph.D. Open defence**

**Chairman**

The proceedings of the Open Defence shall be controlled by the Chairman, Board of Adjudicators nominated by the Head of the Department, in consultation with the Supervising Teacher. The date of the Open defence should be fixed in consultation with Chairman and the same be informed to the Directorate of Research.

**Convenor**

The Supervising teacher shall be the Convenor of the Open defence programme

**Agenda of the Open defence shall comprise**

- a. A brief introduction about the scholar and the Chairman by the Convenor
- b. Presentation of the work by the research scholar
- c. Initial remarks of the Chairman
- d. Open discussion
- e. Concluding remarks of the Chairman
- f. Vote of Thanks by the Scholar.

**Presentation by the scholar**

The research scholar shall present the doctoral work before the participants. The scholar shall clearly indicate in his/her presentation the following:

- a. The general background and objective of the work
- b. Methodology followed
- c. Summary of findings
- d. Future lines of enquiry and recommendations

e. Acknowledgements

The duration of the presentation may be limited to 30 to 40 minutes. The participants can ask questions, seek clarifications and make comments on the work. The scholar will have to defend the thesis by responding to the questions. The Chairman can disallow questions and comments which are in no way related to the main theme of the work. The Chairman can seek clarifications from the scholar on the queries raised in the thesis evaluation reports.

**Dr.M. Nasser**  
Director of Research

To

All the Heads of the Research Centres

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