Direction No 176 of 2015

(Issued u/s 14(8) of the Maharashtra universities Act, 1994)

Eligibility criteria and procedure for the Registration of candidates, Allotment of Supervisors/Guides and Research Topics, submission of thesis and evaluation for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in all the faculties & Rules for conducting ON-LINE Ph.D. Entrance Test (PET) (Amendment) Direction, 2015.

Whereas, the Maharashtra Universities Act No XXXV of 1994 has come into force with effect from 22nd July 1994,

AND

Whereas, the University Grants Commission has framed Regulation prescribing Minimum standards for Ph.D. Degrees of the Universities vide its notification No.F.1/2002/(PS) Exemp. dt. 1st June 2009 published in the Gazette of India, dt. 11/17 July 2009 (hereinafter referred to as UGC Regulation ,2009).

AND

Whereas, the Academic Council and the Management council of the University have accepted the said UGC Regulation ,2009 and have also decided to implement it by the University.,

AND

Whereas, it is expedient to frame the rules for governing procedures for On-line conduct of Ph.D. Entrance Test (PET) for admission to Degree of Doctor of Philosophy to be conducted centrally by the Gondwana University Gadchiroli and the agency designated by Gondwana University ,Gadchiroli;

AND

Whereas, in the very first meeting of PET Question Bank Committee dt. 06-06-2012 and subsequently held dt. 24.05.2013;5.06.2013 and 24.09.2013 has made certain suggestions with regard to nature of the PET and various modalities to conduct the test On-line;
AND

Whereas, in the first meeting of the BUTR, held on 15-06-2013 certain suggestions have been made with regard to eligibility criteria for research candidates, research supervisors, recognition to place of research and research in inter-disciplinary areas;

AND

Whereas, the matter was required to be regulated by an ordinance;

AND

Whereas, making of ordinance was time consuming process.

AND

Whereas, for regulating the matter, Directions were issued by the Vice-Chancellor under provision of section 14(8) of the Maharashtra Universities Act, 1994 bearing no. 162 of 2013, for the time being,

AND

Whereas, Direction No 162 of 2013 was required be converted into an ordinance as provided under provision of section 14(8) of the Maharashtra Universities Act, 1994;

And

Whereas, Conversion of the Direction No 162 of 2013 into an ordinance could not take place;

AND

Whereas, in the light of representations received by the university from the students, the following conditions provided in Direction No. 162 of 2013 are to be altered,

(1) The Scope of relaxation of 5% of the marks at the Master Degree level is to be extended to all the candidates belonging to reserved category in the state of Maharashtra in place of SC/ST Category Candidates;

(2) Conduct of PET once in a calendar year instead of twice in a calendar year.
(3) Validity of the result of PET for registration shall be 60 months instead of 24 months.,

(4) Addition is to be made in the course work.,

(5) Rules for conducting ON-LINE PET are to be named as ‘Conditions for Conducting ON-LINE PET’,

(6) Dates of the ON-LINE PET are to be called as Programme of PET.

AND

Whereas, above mentioned amendments are to be made effective from the academic session 2015 – 16.,

AND

Whereas, for giving effect to the above mentioned amendments, Direction No.162 of 2013 is required to be amended.,

NOW, therefore, I, Dr. Murlidhar Chandekar, Vice-Chancellor (Acting), Gondwana University, Gadchiroli in exercise of the powers conferred upon me under provision of sub-section (8) section 14 of the Maharashtra Universities Act, 1994, do hereby by issue following Directions :-

1. This Direction may be called “Eligibility criteria and procedure for registration of candidates, allotment of supervisors / guides and research topics, submission of thesis, and evaluation for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in all the faculties & Rules for Conducting ON-LINE Ph.D. entrance test (PET) (Amendment) Direction, 2015”

2. This Direction shall come into force from the date of its issuance.

3. The word ‘Rules’ appearing is para 1) of Direction No. 162 of 2013 in respect of “Eligibility criteria and procedure for registration of candidates, allotment of supervisors/ guides and research topics, submission of thesis and its evaluation for the award or the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in all the faculties & Rules for conducting ONLINE Ph.D. entrance Test (PET) ” (hereinafter referred to as the main Direction) be substituted by the word “conditions”. 
4. In clause '1' of para '4) of the main Direction, the word 'rules' be substituted by the word 'conditions'.

5. In para '5) of the main Direction, after the word 'Degree' and before the words of 'this' the words 'in all the faculties' be inserted.

6. In sub-clause (i) of clause 'a' of para '5' of the main Direction, the words and sign 'the SC/ST category students' be substituted by the words 'all the candidates belonging to reserve category in the state of Maharashtra'.

7. In clause 'b)' of para '5) of the main Direction, the word 'rules' be substituted by the word 'Conditions'.

8. In para '7)' of the main Direction, the figure '24' be substituted by the figure '60'.

9. In clause '(B) of para '12)' of the main Direction the word and sign 'off' be substituted by the word 'of.'

10. After clause (c) of para (13) of the main Direction, following clause (d) be added:-

'd) After having been admitted to Ph.D. Course, the candidates who are pursuing for Degree of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in the University are now required to undertake the Course Work as per the guidelines laid down by the UGC. Minimum Standard and Procedure for the award of M.Phil/ Ph.D. Degree, Regulations, 2009.

1) After having been admitted to Ph.D. Programme, every candidate shall have to undertake course work which will be treated as Pre-Ph.D. Preparation.

2) The Course Work including Research Methodology, Quantitative Methods and Computer Applications will be conducted by recognized Institutions of any Statutory University.

3) The total Course Work of 60 hour duration which is equivalent to one semester will be distributed as follows:

   a) Research Methodology - 15 hours
   b) Quantitative Methods and Computer Applications - 15 hours
   c) Seminars - 05 hours
   d) Review of Published Research Work - 20 hours
   e) References & Bibliography - 05 hours
i) Sr. No. (a) and (b) will be organized in the institute/College and after completing course successfully, Completion Certificate will be issued by the respective institute/College

Department/Institute or affiliated college where the University has recognized them as place of Research either within or outside Gondwana University, Gadchiroli or at the institutes of National Repute like IIT, NIT, NITTTR or any other Statutory University or the recognized place of research work of that University, after furnishing the completion certificate by the candidate, Guide of the candidate will certify that the candidate has completed that part of the Course Work.

ii) Candidates fulfilling one of the following conditions shall be exempted from undertaking course work provided under clause (a) & (b) of sub para 3 above.

a) Possesses Ph.D. Degree in any Faculty.
b) Holds M.Phill Degree in any Faculty from any Statutory University and completed the course on Research Methodology.
c) Possesses PG Degree with Research Methodology alongwith quantitative methods and computer applications as one of the papers of any Statutory University.
d) Is a full time teacher of any Statutory University having teaching experience of minimum seven years for teaching Under Graduate course or teaching Post Graduate course for five years or full time teacher having ten years experience of teaching at Junior College level/Polytechnic/Diploma in Pharmacy courses.
e) Senior Citizens.

11) An enclosure in respect of ‘Rules for conducting ON-LINE Ph.D. Entrance Test (PET) for admission to the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) appended with the main Direction be shown as a ‘Annexure –VIII’

12) In so numbered ‘Annexure - VIII appended with the main Direction:-

a) the word ‘Rules’ appearing in the title be substituted by the word ‘Conditions’

b) the words ‘rules’ appearing, under the para of the ‘title’ be substituted by the word ‘conditions’ respectively.
c) in para ‘1’ :-
   i) The words ‘These rules’ be substituted by the word ‘This’
   ii) The word ‘Rules’ be substituted by the word ‘Conditions’
   iii) After the words and signs ‘Ph.D.’ and before the word ‘PET’ the words ‘entrance test’ be inserted.
   iv) The word ‘PET’ be shown as ‘(PET)’

d) In para ‘2’) the word ‘rules’ be substituted by the word ‘conditions’.

e) In para ‘3’) the word ‘rules’ be substituted by the word ‘conditions’

f) Clause (Vii) of para 4), be deleted.

g) In para ‘5’), a) the word ‘twice’ be deleted .
   b) after the word ‘in’ and before the letter ‘a’ the words ‘the month of September in’ be inserted.
   c) the word ‘dates’ be substituted by the word is ‘programme’
   h) the following entries appearing at the bottom of the page be deleted

" Place : Gadchiroli
Date : 30/09/2013

(Vice-Chancellor"

Sd/-
(Dr. Murlidhar G. Chandekar)
Vice-Chancellor (Acting)
Gondwana University Gadchiroli