CIRCULAR

The following are the extracts of the 43rd Research Board minutes which comes into immediate effect. The scholars, supervisors and Department/Centre/Institute Heads are requested to adhere to these guidelines carefully.

1. The research scholars are permitted to submit their synopsis and thesis with available DOI number for the online published paper. However, the thesis scrutiny report shall be released only if at least one publication has received the issue information (Vol. No./Issue No.) to ascertain the claimed research paper is in the regular issue of the journal.

2. Papers published in a special issue of a Q1 (Please click here to check the details of Q1 journals) journal will be considered after due recommendation from a technical committee constituted by the Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor for both Synopsis and Thesis submission.

3. Based on the representations received from several stake holders of the Centre for Research, the following journals are included in the CFR approved list of Journals. Hence, scholars who have communicated their research findings to these journals on or after 08.08.2024 will be considered for Synopsis approval/Supervisor Recognition.

   1. Groundwater for Sustainable Development (ISSN: 2352-801X)
   2. Journal of Structural Engineering (Madras) (ISSN: 0970-0137)
   4. Bioresource Technology Reports (ISSN: 2589-014X)
4. Several representations have been received from the Doctoral Committee members that there is a huge time gap between confirmation meeting and synopsis meeting for some scholars which makes it difficult for the Doctoral Committee members to assess the quality of research and recommend corrections at the final stages of the Ph.D. programme. Hence, it is proposed to conduct DC meeting every year till the submission of Synopsis to ensure the quality of the research conducted by the scholar. The DC meeting shall be convened at least once in a year after the confirmation till the submission of Synopsis to assess the research progress. The research assessment form shall be submitted along with the progress report during any one of the progress report period.

**Note:** Refer our office circular dated 04.02.2023 for additional information about the conduct of meetings.

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