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कार्यालय आदेश /**Office Order No.** 259 /2023 दिनांक/**Dated** 12.07.2023

The undersigned is directed to convey that the Senate, in its 59th Meeting held on 29th May, 2023 (vide Agenda item 59.A.C.2) has approved the upgradation of M.Tech. to the Ph.D. Programme with the limitation of 20% of the sanctioned strength of the particular M.Tech. programme.

The details are given in Annexure-A to the Office Order.

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Encl: Annexure-A

To:
   1. Heads of the Schools
   2. Ph.D. /M.Tech. Coordinators of the Schools

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   1. The Chairman, Senate
   2. All Members of the Senate
   3. Faculty Members
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Amendments from MTech to Ph.D on 59th Senate item No. 59.A.C.2

The Senate has approved the amendments of M.Tech. to the Ph.D. Programme, in its 59th Meeting held on 29th May, 2023 (vide Agenda item 59.A.C.2).

IIT Bhubaneswar offers upgradation to Ph.D from M.Tech programme. This programme will encourage bright and motivated students to enroll themselves for Ph.D. programme after completion of 1st year of M.Tech programme. The features of *upgraded (M.Tech–Ph.D)* are summarized below:

1. At the end of the 2nd semester, after the declaration of result, students with Institute Assistantship who have CGPA ≥ 8.0 are eligible to join the *upgraded (M.Tech–Ph.D)* Programme.

2. Eligible students have to give their willingness to the Head of School (HoS) for upgraded M.Tech-Ph.D program as per the prescribed format within one weeks from the declaration of M.Tech 2nd Semester result.

3. A committee consisting of the HoS and two-faculty member as subject expert will evaluate such cases. Committee may call such students for a presentation/interaction. The committee can recommend students up to a maximum of 20% of the sanctioned strength of a particular program. Procedure need to be completed within two weeks from the declaration of M.Tech 2nd Semester result.

4. Student admitted in Ph.D after 2nd semester of M.Tech will be called as "provisionally enrolled in Ph.D" and after successfully completing requirements of M.Tech will be called as "enrolled in Ph.D" (these definitions are just for understanding purpose about timeline and fellowship of Ph.D).

5. PhD roll no. will be assigned to the student after "provisionally enrolled in PhD" (along with existing M.Tech roll no.).

6. These students will continue their Ph.D with the allocated M.Tech supervisor as decided by the school.

7. The doctoral advisory committee (DAC) should be formed after "provisionally enrolled in Ph.D" as per Ph.D regulation.

8. For these students mandatory course requirement will be applicable as per Ph.D regulation. Additional technical course requirement for Ph.D programme can be viewed based on recommendation of DAC. The course work requirement towards Ph.D must be completed along with M.Tech thesis work.

9. Both M. Tech. and Ph.D. degrees will be awarded to the students after successful completion of requirements for both M.Tech. and Ph.D programmes. In the event of rejected Ph.D. thesis, students will be awarded the M.Tech. degree only.

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10. M.Tech thesis of these students to be evaluated and graded along with the other M.Tech students. Successful students will be given final grade card of the 4-semester and provisional M.Tech certificate. M.Tech degree will be awarded in following convocation.

11. The students continuing with upgraded Ph.D. programme shall submit two dissertations, one for M. Tech. (at least before 2.5 year from the date enrolled to M.Tech program) and the other for Ph.D (before completing 8 year from the date provisionally enrolled in Ph.D).

12. All time-line and regulation related to Ph.D programme will be applicable for these students from the date they are "provisionally enrolled in Ph.D".

13. Fellowship:

    a. Students will be eligible to get fellowship of Ph.D from the date of "provisionally enrolled in Ph.D". However, students will continue to get M.Tech assistantship until the end of successful completion of requirements for M.Tech. The additional assistantship will be paid retrospectively after completion of the Ph.D registration seminar.

    b. Once, students are "enrolled in Ph.D", the regular Ph.D fellowship will start.

14. Minimum duration for Ph.D thesis submission will be two years from date of "enrolled in Ph.D".

15. If, after provisionally enrolled in Ph.D programme, a student discontinues, then the student will be given the M.Tech. provisional certificate if s(he) fulfils requirement for M.Tech degree at the time of discontinuing the programme and will be admitted to the M.Tech. degree in the next Convocation.

16. Students are eligible to avail the T&P facilities after successful completion of requirements of the respective programmes.

17. The semester registration fees will be as per M.Tech regulation until the completion of requirements for M.Tech. However, the semester registration fees will be as per Ph.D regulation from the date of "enrolled in Ph.D".

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