CORRIGENDUM

Procedure for Admission to the Ph.D. Programme 2026 **Date 30.10.2026**

In partial modification/clarification of the Procedure for Admission to the Ph.D. Programme published on the University website, the following provisions shall apply in accordance with the applicable UGC Regulations and guidelines.

1. Candidates qualified under Category 1 (JRF and Appointment as Assistant Professor): - Candidates who have qualified for the award of Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) shall be considered for admission to the Ph.D. programme on the basis of an interview/viva voce conducted by the University, in accordance with the applicable UGC Regulations 2022 and University norms. The interview marks obtained by such candidates, out of 30, shall be proportionately scaled to 100 for the purpose of determining merit and preparing the final merit list.

2. Candidates qualified under Category 2 (Assistant Professor and Ph.D. Admission) and Category 3 (Ph.D. Admission Only): -Candidates qualified under Category 2 and Category 3 of UGC-NET shall be considered for admission to the Ph.D. programme on the basis of their UGC-NET scores and performance in the interview/viva voce conducted by the University. The weightage shall be as follows:

A. UGC-NET score: 70% **B.** Interview/Viva Voce: 30%

The final merit list for candidates under these categories shall be prepared on the basis of the combined scores obtained in the UGC-NET examination and the interview/viva voce, in accordance with the prescribed weightage.

3. Validity of UGC-NET Score: - For Ph.D. admission under Category 2 and Category 3, the UGC-NET score shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of declaration of the UGC-NET result, in accordance with the applicable UGC guidelines.

4. For Tie-Breaking: - Criteria in cases where two or more candidates secure equal marks in the final merit list. In this regard, it is proposed that the following tie-breaking criteria may be adopted, in line with the approach followed in UG/PG admissions:

A. Higher marks obtained in the UGC/CSIR-NET/Gate or National Level Exam examination shall be given preference.
B. If the tie persists, higher marks obtained in the interview/viva voce shall be considered.
C. If the tie still persists, higher percentage marks obtained in the last qualifying degree shall be considered.

5. Fellowships: -The selection and award of fellowships, including the National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students (NFSC), National Fellowship for Other Backward Classes (NFOBC), and National Fellowship for Persons with Disabilities (NFPwD), shall be governed by the respective scheme guidelines issued by UGC.

6. Other Provisions: -All other terms and conditions of the published Procedure for Admission to the Ph.D. Programme shall remain unchanged.

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