Guidelines for submission of
DOCTORAL RESEARCH PROPOSAL

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1. INTRODUCTION:

This document attempts to provide essential guidelines to Ph.D. candidates for preparation of their Research Proposal for consideration of the Departmental Research Committee (DRC) of the Department of Sanskrit, University of Delhi to get admission in the Ph.D. Programme. As per the provisions of the Academic Regulations, a Ph.D. student after passing the entrance examination has to submit proposed topic of research with the brief synopsis in the given format to the department.

2. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION OF DOCTORAL RESEARCH PROPOSAL:

A. Brief Outline of the Proposed Topic of Research

The purpose of the doctoral research proposal is to describe clearly and precisely the nature and scope of the research programme. The outline of the proposed topic of research should include the following:

1. **Proposed Topic of Research:** It specifies the area and topic of the proposed research work. Exact title which will appear on the thesis, will be approved by the DRC. The proposed topic of research should be written in "Title Case" and should not be too lengthy.

2. **Relevance and Objectives of the Proposed Research:**The relevance of the proposed research must indicated in the proposal.It should be clearly indicating the perception of the research work and should not be amere repetition of the topic of research. What is to be achieved as an outcome of the research has to be visualized while mentioning the objectives of the research. Objectives should be given pointwise.

3. **Research Area:** It should be clearly indicating the Research Area like Sanskrit Grammar, Linguistics, Veda, Poetics etc.

4. **Background/Literature Review of Related Researches of the Proposed Research:**This is normally prepared after the candidate has studied the contemporary literature and researches done in the same area as available from doctoral research at Universities, current research journals, published reports of the organizations, issues needing research and enquiry in any area of activity of the organization, etc. It is expected that a broad summary of the present status of work and unresolved academic

issues in the area are highlighted while giving the background of theproposed research. To identify the research gap, the candidate should refer latest peerreviewed journal articles. It is important to make clear the impact of the proposed research and the particularaspect of the problem that is anticipated to produce an original contribution(s) by thecandidate.

4. Methodology: In the first paragraph of methodology, provide analytical/comparative/critical/experimental/computing facilities etc. which are necessary to carry out proposed research work. Then describe the logical phases, which are to be followed in investigating the current problem.

- Methodology should be given phase-wise and brief explanation should be given under each phase.

5. Tentative Work Plan: The work plan (activity schedule) and the time by which these are to be achieved are tobe indicated. It may be in the form of horizontal bar chart or tabular format.

6. References: The citation of literature should be done in a standard manner in the text of 'Background of Proposed Research'. The reference must be cited properly in the text (as per referencing guidelines).

3. POINTS TO CONSIDER FOR FORMATTING THE PROPOSAL

Page Orientation Portrait

Page Size A4 size

Margins 1 inch from all sides

Title of the Research Proposal: Times New Roman (for English), Unicode/Walkman Chanakya/Kruti Dev 10 Font (for Sanskrit/Hindi), Bold, Size-18Points, **Alignment**: Centre.

All Headings 1:Times New Roman (for English), Unicode/Walkman Chanakya/Kruti Dev 10 Font (for Sanskrit/Hindi), Bold, Size-14 points, Title case, **Alignment**: Left

Sub-Headings: Times New Roman (for English), Unicode/Walkman Chanakya/Kruti Dev 10 Font (for Sanskrit/Hindi), 12 points, Bold, **Alignment**: Centre

Body-text (paragraphs):Times New Roman (for English), Unicode/Walkman Chanakya/Kruti Dev 10 Font (for Sanskrit/Hindi), 12 points, **Alignment**: Justified

Line Spacing 1.5.

Paragraphs of the text should be justified

- Each page of proposal has to be given page number at bottom & at center as in numerical (1,2,3 ….etc.).
- The proposal should only be long enough to present the necessary information. Thelength will depend on the nature of the problem, but approximately 10-12 pages(spacing: 1.5 lines) are usually sufficient.
- Proposal should be stapled and NOT TO BE BOUND (spiral or otherwise)
- Check your proposal as per guidelines (if proposal is not found with proper guidelines, cause to be rejected at very initial stage).
- Tables and figures should be only used only if relevant and absolutely necessary.

Important points related to References:

To maintain consistency in reference formatting candidate should follow guideline as given below:

- Reference list should identify references cited (e.g. book, journal article, conference proceedings, dissertations, theses etc.) in sufficient detail so that others may locate and consult your references.
- Reference list should appear at the end of your research proposal with the entries listed numerically and in the same order that they have been cited in the text.
- It is important to BE CONSISTENT when you are referencing.
- References should contain all the necessary parts. No part should be missing.
- Sequence of the part of reference citation should be uniform for all the reference of same type.

For detail guidelines for reference please see the Reference Guidelines