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OFFICE ORDER

Sub: Inclusion of Patents as Part of the Publication Requirement for the Award of the Ph.D. Degree.

The 51st Academic Council has discussed and approved the inclusion of patents as an alternative to journal publications for fulfilling the publication requirements prescribed for the award of the Ph.D. degree based on the recommendation of Dean, Postgraduate Programmes.

Accordingly, Section 12 of the Ph.D. Policy 2024 and Section 14 of the Ph.D. Regulations, 2019 shall be amended as follows:

One Indian Patent or United States Patent in accepted/published/granted status arising from the scholar's doctoral research may be considered equivalent to one journal publication for the purpose of satisfying the publication requirements prescribed for the award of the Ph.D. degree.

- i. The patent shall be based on research carried out as part of the Ph.D. programme and both the scholar and the Thesis Advisor shall be listed as inventors in the patent application.
- ii. All other publication requirements prescribed under the Ph.D. Regulations shall remain unchanged.

This order shall come into effect from **1 January 2027**.



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