Notification regarding PhD programme

1: Uniformity of format of PhD Thesis

A thesis should contain the following:

- 1. Abstract: Abstract of the research work not exceeding two pages.
- 2. Introduction: A general introduction of research work
- 3. Review of Literature
- 4. 'Materials and Methods', which may also be named as 'Research Methodology'
- 5. The two chapters 'Results' and 'Discussion' may be written as two separate chapters or combined to one chapter named as 'Results & Discussion'. In case of distinct objectives for the PhD research, each objective can have separate Introduction, Literature Review, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion, References for each objective. In such cases, it is advisable to have a general introduction before the chapterisation of each objective under separate heads as mentioned above.
- 6. Summary and Conclusion: Will be written as a separate chapter based on the entire study
- 7. References (may be written as separate section or included with the respective chapters for each objective)
- 8. Page limit mentioned can be removed (At present, it is mentioned as 250 nos)

2: Uniformity in start and end dates of semester for all batches of different faculty.

The start and end of semesters for the PhD programme of all Schools/ Faculty of Fisheries/Research centres is not uniform at present. Decision was taken to start the odd semester during the month of June-July and even semester during the month of December-January. There will be **a minimum** of 110 working days including examination in a semester. All research centres are also expected to follow the same calender.

3: PhD Fellowship

Action will be taken to distribute fellowships entitled for PhD students of KUFOS, based on the applications received at DoR. Students who receive any other fellowship are not eligible for KUFOS Fellowship. Application will be invited each year for KUFOS PhD fellowship by the DoR. Fellowship will be awarded on the basis of seniority of admission. All the requests regarding e-grant should be submitted to Academic Section through the Directorate of Research.

4: PhD course work

The responsibility to conduct course work of PhD is vested with the corresponding school Directors/Dean Fisheries. The list of courses decided by the supervising guide together with doctoral committee, will be forwarded through Dean/Director to DoR. The internal marks along with the attendance will be forwarded to DoR from each faculty/school. After the completion of course work, the application for final exam should be submitted by the PhD Scholar to Dean/Director through Research Guide. The Dean/Director of School should verify the applications received and then forward the same to DoR.

In case of Research Centres where the course work is conducted, the internal marks with attendance will be forwarded by the supervising guide through the Head of Institution to the Dean/Directors who will then forward to DR after verification. The DR shall forward the application with recommendation to CE for conducting the examination. The common subject 'Research Methodology' will be evaluated in Exam wing and remaining subjects should be evaluated at the Schools/Faculty of Fisheries. Consolidated results from the Schools/Faculty of Fisheries will be forwarded to DoR. After verification, DoR shall recommend to CE for issuing Grade Card.

UGC in its 543rd meeting held on 9 August 2019 approved a **two credit course** for awareness about publication, ethics and publication misconducts entitled ' **Research and Publication Ethics (RPE)**' to be made **compulsory** for all PhD students for pre-registration course work.

5: The validity of PhD Rank list is one year. The students are advised to take admission either in the start of the first (odd) or second (even) semester. In view of the covid pandemic, this year the PhD admissions have been delayed. Hence the first semester for the 2020 batch will commence in December, 2020.

The date of start for all batches will be on December 7, 2020 for uniformity.