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Regarding: Digitization of backdated Ph.D Theses of University of Kashmir

Theses and dissertations are known to be the rich and unique source of information, often the only source of research work that does not find its way into various publication channels. The UGC Notification (Minimum Standards & Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D Degree, Regulations, 2009) provides mandate for submission of electronic version of Theses and Dissertations by the Researchers in universities with an aim to facilitate open access to Indian theses and dissertations to the academic community world-wide. Online availability of electronic Theses through centrally-maintained digital repositories will not only ensure easy access and archiving of Indian doctoral theses but will also help in raising the standard and quality of research.

As per the Regulations, the responsibility of hosting, maintaining and making the digital repository of Indian Electronic Theses and Dissertations (called **Shodhganga**), accessible to all institutions and universities, is assigned to the Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat by UGC which is an Inter-University Centre of UGC. Shodhganga stands for the reservoir of Indian Intellectual output stored in a repository hosted and maintained by INFLIBNET Centre.

It gives us immense pleasure to inform that Allama Iqbal Library, University of Kashmir has been sanctioned a Project titled "**Digitization of Theses under Shodhganga Project**" by University Grants Commission (UGC) under which a good number of backdated Ph.D Theses available in Allama Iqbal Library shall be digitized. However, it may be pointed out that most of the Ph.D/M.Phil. Theses pertaining to various Departments/Centres have not been forwarded to Allama Iqbal Library from time to time. Accordingly, Allama Iqbal Library has constituted a team of Officials to identify the Theses/Dissertations from various Departments/Centres of University of Kashmir to complete the digitization project within the stipulated time.

All the Heads/Directors of the Departments/Centres of University of Kashmir are requested to kindly direct their Library Professional/In-charge Library to compile bibliographical details of all the **Ph.D Theses** which shall cover *Name of the Ph.D Scholar, Name of the Guide/Supervisor, Title of the Thesis, Year of submission and Department* and handover the same to the team of Officials constituted for the purpose. Later on the selected Theses shall be taken to Allama Iqbal Library for digitization and returned back to the respective departments after the digitization process. A digitized copy of each Thesis shall be provided to the respective department/Centre after the process is complete.

Sincerely,

University Librarian

Copy to:

- Dean Academic Affairs;
- Dean Research;
- Dean, College Development Council
- Registrar;
- Controller of Examinations with the request that he will co-operate in providing the compiled list of Ph.D degrees awarded;
- All the Heads/Directors of Teaching Departments, University of Kashmir;
- Director, Directorate of Internal Quality Assurance;
- Deputy Registrar (Academics);
- Special Secretary to Vice-Chancellor for the kind information of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor;
- Scientist-B, Directorate of IT & SS, University of Kashmir for uploading on the University website;
- Scientist-B, Allama Iqbal Library for uploading on the Library web-page;
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