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Preamble

Women's Education Society's (WES's) Smt. Manoramabai Mundle College of Architecture (SMMCA), Nagpur has been granted recognition as a "Place for Higher Learning and Research" leading to a Ph.D. degree in "Architecture" in the Faculty of Engineering and Technology vide Letter No.: BCUD/R/J/2012/970/01162 dated 15/05/2012 of Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University (RTMNU), Nagpur and Council of Architecture vide letter No. CA/5/Academic-MH20 dated 20/05/2011. The Centre received a renewal of recognition from RTMNU through letter no. RTMNU/CDS/2019/4432 dated 03/01/2019.

The norms and rules are liable to change as per the amendments made by RTMNU, Nagpur in the governing ordinance.

We at SMMCA want our institution to be the epicenter of architectural knowledge excellence so that architects leave it with a sense of dedication and accountability. The college has established a solid reputation and is listed among India's best colleges. SMMCA Ph.D. The center is one of India's most sought-after institutions at the moment. By receiving accolades, honors, and prizes at the national and international levels, numerous faculty members, scholars, and students have given glory to the institute.

About WES And SMMCA, Nagpur

The Women's Education Society established in 1932, is a philanthropic trust with a focus on Education. Driven by the mission of overall development of women, the members have always strived hard towards the goal and as an integral part of the society have joined hands with the national policies for the development of women. WES has a multi-disciplinary research center by the name Interdisciplinary Research, Ideation and Collaboration Hub (IRICH), to facilitate the required guidance and infrastructure for subject-specific multi-disciplinary research scholars.

WES's Smt. Manoramabai Mundle College of Architecture, Nagpur offers a five-year degree course in Architecture in the faculty of Engineering and Technology. The Smt. Manoramabai Mundle Department of Architecture was started in the session 1993-94 and was elevated to the status of a college in 2008-09 after permission was granted by the Council of Architecture, New Delhi, and the Government of Maharashtra.

SMMCA offers two Post Graduate Courses, namely M. Arch. (Architecture Education), initiated from session 2007-08 and M.Arch (Urban Design) from 2019-2020. The students of Architecture has a glorious record of merit in the University Examinations. We are proud to say that an era of sincere, enthusiastic, and progressive architects has its origin in St. Manoramabai Mundle College of Architecture.

The Ph.D. The cell was formed in 2011 with two students and one guide. Over the years it was grown to 27 scholars, amongst which twenty have already been awarded the degree and one has submitted their thesis. Eminent researchers in the field of architecture like Prof. K.B. Jain, Ahmadabad, DR. Madhumita Roy, Kolkata, DR. Vijaylaxmi Iyer, Chennai, DR. Vijaykishore, Hyderabad, DR. Ajay Khare, Bhopal, DR. Meghal Arya, Ahmedabad, DR. Tutu Sengupta, Nagpur are associated with the cell.

I. Introduction

SMMCA offers part-time Ph. D. programs in a wide range of areas of architecture, planning, urban design, architecture pedagogy, etc. The college also encourages research in interdisciplinary areas through a system of joint supervision. The medium of instruction in the college is English.

I.1 Notification for Admission:

Notification for admission to Ph. D. shall be published on the college website. Details of the admission procedure will be available in the college brochure on Institute Website – www.smmca.edu.in. A data bank of all interested candidates is maintained in the cell, for which interested candidates can send an email to smmca.phdcell@gmail.com stating their interest along with proof of their PET/ GATE score card and synopsis of the subject of interest.

I.2 Admission:

Ph.D. admissions are carried out as per the respective Ordinance No. by the RTMNU at the time of admission (<https://nagpur.university/PHDPortal/DocLinks/DirectionsofPHDfrm>)

- i. Part Time: In-service candidates, candidates who are employed as faculty/ staff/ project staff working in any Technical Institute, or candidates working in any public/ private sector organization who desire to pursue research on a part-time basis.

I.3 Eligibility for Admission:

The eligibility for admission to Ph.D. (the Doctoral Research) is:

- i. By clearing the Entrance Exam of RTMNU as per prevalent RTMNU norms
- ii. By clearing the GATE exam as per prevalent RTMNU norms
- iii. A candidate shall possess a Master's Degree in Architecture or its equivalent area of Research and should have passed with a minimum of 55% marks/ (CGPA 6.0) or equivalent.
- iv. As per ordinance no. prevalent at the time of admission of a particular scholar (which can be accessed through www.nagpuruniversity.ac.in.)

2. Minimum and Maximum Duration for Completing the Programme

2.1 Minimum duration for completing the programmes: as per RTMNU ordinance in which the student is admitted

- i. For Ph. D. (Part-Time) - as per the prevalent ordinance at the time of registration of a particular scholar
- ii. Application for an extension can be made to RTMNU

2.2 Failure in Courses and Seminar: As per RTMNU ordinance no. prevalent at the time of admission of a particular scholar

3. Course work

As per ordinance no. prevalent at the time of admission of a particular scholar

4. Seminars during PH. D. work

4.1. A scholar is required to give a progress seminar on his/ her project work every six months in the center during the Ph. D. seminar weeks which will be scheduled as per the convenience of the Ph.D. Panel members

4.1.1. Interim review will be conducted after 3 months for the candidate whose progress is not up to the mark / as, as per panels satisfaction in the precedent review

4.2. A brief write-up outlining the work previously done, the current status, and the future plans are required to be submitted to the members of the Research Progress Committee (RPC) at least 3 days before the date of the seminar. The Seminar format (as provided by the Centre) is to be filled and presented at the time of review.

- 4.3. Report of the RPC after each six-monthly progress seminar shall be duly forwarded to the scholar after every review
- 4.4. Any due fees, to be paid by the scholars before the six-monthly seminars
- 4.5. Report of six-monthly progress review to be submitted to the University in the prescribed format of RTMNU

5. Thesis Submission

The submission of the thesis report and all other requirements will be in accordance with the ordinance of RTMNU relevant for a particular scholar:

- 5.1 A scholar can submit his/ her thesis only after completion of the minimum duration as mentioned by RTMNU norms
- 5.2 A scholar is required to complete the requirement of coursework and publications as per the relevant ordinance from RTMNU.
- 5.3 A scholar shall be required to deliver a pre-submission seminar at the center and will be allowed to submit his/ her thesis only if the RPC recommends it.
- 5.4 A candidate is required to submit seven copies of the synopsis and softbound Ph. D. thesis along with the soft copies in PDF format to the Academic Section.
- 5.5 One hard-bound copy of the final thesis and the soft copy of the thesis (Pdf) in C.D. are to be submitted to the center.
- 5.6 Candidate should have presented at least six seminars or as per the requirement of relevant ordinance to RPC.
- 5.7 Payment of full fees.

6. Prerequisites for thesis submission

Publications in a minimum of two Scopus / WoS/ UGC care list journal
Presentations in a minimum of two international/national conference

7. PH. D. thesis evaluation

As per ordinance no. prevalent at the time of admission of a particular scholar

8. Additional supervisor

As per ordinance no. prevalent at the time of admission of a particular scholar

9. Change of supervisor

As per ordinance no. prevalent at the time of admission of a particular scholar

10. Cancellation of registration

Along with ordinance no. prevalent at the time of admission of a particular scholar by RTMNU, Nagpur, SMMCA regulations for registration cancellation include the following:

- i. A Ph.D. scholar's registration may be cancelled if he or she misses a progress seminar without the Supervisor and Head of Department's consent.
- ii. Failure to pay annual fees on time may cause registration to be cancelled or admittance to be terminated.
- iii. Failure to complete the required course work within the allotted time.
- iv. The RPC may advise stopping registration if evaluations of two straight seminars are unsatisfactory. It will be deemed unsatisfactory if a seminar is not delivered.

11. Format of the thesis document/ paper layout/ illustrations/ bibliography etc.

As per ordinance no. prevalent at the time of admission of a particular scholar

12. Norms for defense

- i. As per ordinance no. prevalent at the time of admission of a particular scholar
- ii. One hard-bound copy of the report to be submitted to the supervisor and one hardbound copy and pdf softcopy in CD of the final report to be submitted to the Ph.D. Coordinator to be kept in the library of the Ph.D. Cell of SMMCA, Nagpur

13. IPR Guidelines

As per ordinance no. prevalent at the time of admission of a particular scholar. Scholars post defense, if applying for copyright/ patent / IPR on their Ph.D. work will need to intimate the head of the research centre and supervisor for inclusion of the name in any form of IPR/s.

14. Transfer of admission from other centers

- i. NOC from supervisor of earlier institute / concerned authority needs to be submitted
- ii. Admission to the center will be considered from the first semester and not in continuation from the earlier institute

15. Fee structure/norms

- i. The academic year will be calculated from July 1 through June 30.
- ii. Fees will be paid annually in June
- iii. The delay in payment of annual fees may invite a penalty of Rs.10,000/- per semester
- iv. Candidate shall not be allowed to appear for the Six-monthly progress seminar without payment of fees.
- v. Students not appearing for review will still need to pay the fees for the session
- vi. Fees will be for a minimum of four years
- vii. The fees for four years will have to be paid in case of discontinuation of the program or change of center.

viii. If the thesis submission is done after 1st January/1st July (as per the candidate's academic year), the candidate shall be required to pay the fees for the next academic year subject to a maximum of SIX years.

16. Research funding

After the candidate is registered for Ph.D. with SMMCA Centre, the candidate along with the supervisor shall put a research proposal to funding agencies like AICTE, DST, SERB, CSIR, etc. for their research. In all such proposals, the supervisor shall be a Principal Investigator. An undertaking to this effect shall be submitted by both supervisor and research scholar at the time of Ph.D. registration.

17. Academic integrity and prevention of plagiarism

The research scholar shall adhere to the Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism Policy of the Centre, RTMNU, UGC, AICTE, or other statutory body.

18. Saving clause

Notwithstanding anything contained herein, it is clarified that all cases in which the registration has already been granted, shall continue to be governed by their respective ordinances/directions/ guidelines.

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