

## NOTIFICATION REGARDING Ph.D. ENTRANCE EXAM AND ADMISSION PROCESS

### Eligibility

Candidates fulfilling the following criteria are exempted from the Entrance Test and will directly appear for the Interview/Viva-Voce on which their merit will be adjudged.

*UGC - CSIR /NET or NET (JRF) / SLET/ GATE qualified research fellows or project fellows / research fellows currently employed in any project sponsored by the UGC / CSIR / ICSSR / NDF / ICMR / DBT / DST / NBHM or any other such recognized national / international organizations.*

Applicants not possessing any of the above qualifications will have to appear for an Ph.D. entrance test.

### Pattern of Entrance Test

The entrance test question paper pattern is as follows:

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| Total Marks                          | 50                                 |
| Duration                             | 90 Minutes                         |
| Pattern                              | Multiple Choice (Except Languages) |
| Total Number of Questions            | 50 (Each question carry 1 Mark)    |
| English, General Knowledge           | 15 Marks                           |
| Mathematics and Research Methodology | 15 Marks                           |
| Subject Specific                     | 20 Marks                           |

The paper will be in two Sections, A and B. Section A carries 30 MCQ's on English language and comprehension, mental aptitude, research and problem-solving aptitude. Section A is common for all subjects. Section B will be subject specific. Section B for language papers will be subject specific subjective type questions with candidates requiring to answer five questions of 4 marks each. There is no choice and negative marking.

A candidate will be declared as eligible in the entrance test to pass on to Stage 2 only if he / she secures a minimum of 20 marks overall and a minimum of 8 marks in Part B (Subject Specific).

### Marking criteria for Interview

The candidates who have qualified in the Entrance Test, as well as those exempted from Entrance Test as provided for above, shall appear before an Interview Panel of the concerned Department. This will be assessed on 50 marks as per the criteria given below. A candidate will have to score a minimum of 30 marks to be declared eligible for inclusion in the merit list.

| Particulars   | Marks      |
|---|------------|
| Entrance Test   | 50         |
| Clarity and content of Research Proposal submitted  | 15         |
| Communication and presentation skills   | 10         |
| Candidate's depth of knowledge in the academic subject  | 10         |
| Candidates overall academic capability and aptitude for research  | 15         |
| <b>Total Marks</b>  | <b>100</b> |
| <b>Minimum marks required inclusive of entrance test and interview for qualifying to the merit list</b> | <b>50</b>  |

**Important Dates**

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| Last date to apply   | 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2025 till 11.59 pm                               |
| Downloading of hall tickets for all candidates (entrance as well as interview) | 06.09.2025   |
| Date of Entrance Test  | 14.09.2025 From 10.00 am to 11.30 am at KBN University Campus Kalaburagi |
| Declaration of Entrance Test Results and Merit list                            | 16.09.2025   |
| Date of Interview  | 19.09.2025   |
| Declaration of 1 <sup>st</sup> Merit List                                      | 22.09.2025   |
| Last Date to Pay Fees 1 <sup>st</sup> Merit list                               | 25.09.2025   |
| Declaration of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Merit list if any                               | 26.09.2025   |
| Last Date to Pay Fees 2 <sup>nd</sup> Merit list                               | 30.09.2025   |
| Commencement of course work Classes  | 01.10.2025   |

**Important points to remember**

1. Mere scoring the minimum qualifying marks as above will not entail the candidates to be declared eligible for admission.
2. Admissions shall be based strictly in order of merit.
3. The final merit list of selected candidates for the Ph.D. program shall be announced by the University and notified on the official website of the University on the scheduled date.
4. Selected candidates who fail to pay the required fee within the time-frame indicated will lose the right to be considered for admission. The students in the second / subsequent merit list will be given the opportunity.
5. The University reserves the right not to admit any candidates in any Ph.D. programme in a subject in case no qualified candidates are found.
6. The University reserves the right to alter the number of advertised vacancies.

  
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