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**Extension of date of submission of thesis for terminal M.Phil/ Ph. D Students of
IGNOU**

The University Grants Commission has issued Guidelines on Extension and Academic Calendar for the Universities in view of the Covid-19 Pandemic and subsequent lockdown on 29th April, 2020. As per the guidelines, extension of six months was conveyed for M.Phil/Ph.D students who were to submit their Dissertation/Thesis by 30th June, 2020.

Due to Covid-19 pandemic, the Universities have remained closed for the past several months. Therefore, the students have not been able to conduct their research/ experiments in the university laboratories nor they were able to access library services that are critical for completion of Dissertation/Thesis.

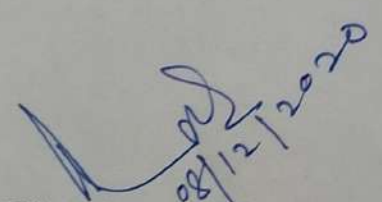
In view of the above, the University Grants Commission vide its public notice dated 3rd December, 2020 further extended date of submission of M.Phil Dissertation/ Ph. D thesis for terminal M.Phil / Ph.D students who were supposed to submit their M.Phil Dissertation/ Ph. D thesis by 31st December, 2020.

Accordingly, terminal M.Phil / Ph.D students of IGNOU who were supposed to submit their M.Phil Dissertation/ Ph. D thesis by 31st December, 2020 shall be granted an extension in the date of submission of M.Phil Dissertation/ Ph. D thesis till 30th June, 2021.

Extension of six months as mentioned above, is also granted for submission of evidence of publication and presentation in two conferences to the scholars availing UGC-JRF. However, the tenure of fellowship of M.Phil/Ph.D shall remain the same as stipulated in the UGC-JRF Guidelines.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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