



RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIVEKANANDA UNIVERSITY
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Faculty of Disability Management and Special Education (FDMSE)

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
IN
DISABILITY MANAGEMENT
AND
SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Regulations effective from 2010

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Regular & Part-time

1. PREAMBLE

The Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) is awarded to a candidate who, as per these regulations, has submitted a thesis on the basis of original and independent research work in Disability Management and Special Education which is approved by board of examiners as required.

Doctoral Committee:

There shall be a Doctoral Committee for each Faculty constituted by the Vice-Chancellor, which shall ordinarily consist of

1. The Dean of the faculty, who shall be the Chairman and Convener of the Committee
2. The Head(s)/Course coordinator(s) of the department(s) concerned
3. Two experts from outside the University nominated by the Vice Chancellor

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 The eligibility conditions prescribed for admission to Ph.D. Programme are as follows and should be strictly adhered to:
- 2.2 Candidate should possess a Master's Degree in Special Education in the concerned or any post graduate degree related to disability or any other qualification with not less than 55% marks recognized by the Board of Management of this University as equivalent thereto. (Note: A relaxation of 5% may be provided from 55% to 50% of the marks at master's level for the SC/ST/Physically challenged category)
- 2.3 Candidate who seeks admission to Ph.D in Disability management, should have passed 2 year PG degree course after 3 year Bachelor's degree course, and Higher Secondary course of 2 year duration after 10 year S.S.L.C. or 1 year Pre-degree after 11 year S.S.L.C. Candidates who have passed the PG degree examination with less than 17 years of total duration of study (10+2+3+2) are not eligible for admission to Ph.D. programme in Disability management.
- 2.4 Candidate who seeks admission to Ph.D in Special Education, should have passed 1 year M.Ed Degree course in special Education after 1 year Bachelor's degree course in special Education in the respective disability area, 3 years bachelor's degree and Higher Secondary course of 2 year duration after 10 year S.S.L.C. or 1 year Pre-degree after 11 year S.S.L.C. Candidates who have passed the PG degree examination with less than 17 years of total duration of study (10+2+3+1+1) are not eligible for admission to Ph.D. programme in Special Education.
- 2.5 Candidates with Open University qualifications, who have not put in a minimum of 10 +2+3 years of study for obtaining the PG qualification, are not eligible for admission to the Ph.D programme.
- 2.6 Candidates who shall be doing M.Phil programme in this University will not be considered for admission to Ph.D. programme unless they withdraw from the M.Phil registration before

joining the Ph.D. programme. In any case, candidates will not be permitted to undergo two courses simultaneously in the same/ different subject(s).

Any relaxation in these conditions on the merit of each case is subject to the decision of the Board of Management of this university

2.7 Candidates who are working as teachers in Teacher Training Institutes should possess 2 years of experience.

2.8 Candidate who possess 4 years of experience in the field of Disability Management/ Special Education

Note: 2.7 & 2.8 are applicable only for part time PhD programme

3. Registration for the Ph.D programme

3.1 Application for admission

- a. The candidates shall fill in the prescribed application of this University and sent it to the Dean with attested copies of all necessary certificates.
- b. The candidates have to submit 3 copies of research proposal signed by a recognized guide from the list attached
- c. The applications of candidates who have applied for admission to M.Phil shall not be considered for Ph.D. and vice-versa.
- d. The applications from ineligible applicants shall be rejected and listed, indicating the reasons for rejection.

3.2 Registration for Ph.D

- i. Candidates possessing the qualifications prescribed under regulation No.2 (2.1 to 2.5) are eligible to register for Ph.D .
- ii. Candidates with 55% of marks and above in the Master's degree in the concerned or related discipline, and working as a Junior Research/ Senior Research Fellow or as Full-time Research Assistant/ Technical Assistant in time-bound research schemes in the University Departments and Research Institutes, also can be enrolled as full time Ph.D. Scholars, subject to the condition that they obtain the following certificates:
 - a) No-objection certificate from the proposed guide for registering the candidate as a Ph.D. scholar
 - b) Certificate from the Head of the concerned Department, wherein it should be stated that the HOD has examined the condition of the scheme/ project of the candidate with reference to the following:
 - * Whether the scheme/project is sponsored by a Government agency (the name of the agency shall be mentioned);
 - * That the candidate is not debarred from joining Ph.D. course as a full-time scholar.

4. Screening & Admission Procedure

4.1 All eligible candidates whose applications have been received by the University shall be called to attend entrance test and interview. The selection will be made as described below:

4.2 The candidates have to present their research proposal before a screening committee, chaired by the Dean of the faculty.

4.3 The selection will be made mainly on the basis of the marks secured in the written test, interview and the colloquium.

The admission should be made purely on merit basis:

- i) Qualifying examination
- ii) The entrance test which will be conducted by RKMVU shall carry a maximum of 50 marks as detailed below:
- iii) Colloquium

S.No.	Type of Examination	Maximum Marks
1	Written	40
2	Oral/ interview	10
Total		50

- iv) The candidate should secure at least 25 marks out of 50 marks in the entrance test (written and oral/ interview) to become eligible for admission
- v) The candidate should take the examination only in the subject for which he/she has applied for admission to the Ph.D programme
- vi) The candidates whose research proposals have been approved by the Doctoral committee only will be permitted to register for PhD programme.
- vii) Candidates who have qualified NET/SET/GATE or other equivalent national level eligibility tests may be exempted from the written part of the test and may appear for directly the interview colloquium

4.5 The following fees are payable by every Candidate admitted to PhD

1 At the time of registration:	Rs.
Registration Fees	- 1000.00
Annual Research Fees	- 7000.00
Course work fee	- 3000.00
Examination Fees	- 1000.00
Library Fees	- 2000.00
At the time of registration	- 14000.00

2 At the time of Evaluation:

Rs 7000.00 towards forwarding charges should be deposited for evaluation at the time of submission of thesis.

Note: *If the thesis is rejected by external/ internal examiner and has to be resubmitted, an additional amount of Rs. 3500.00 for external evaluation and Rs. 1000.00 for internal evaluation has to be paid.*

5. Duration of the Ph.D. programme

- 5.1 A candidate registered for the Ph.D programme as a part time scholar shall work for a minimum period of 3 years from the date of admission to the submission of the thesis
- 5.2 Exemption of one year from the minimum period prescribed is permissible in respect of candidates who possess an M. Phil degree in education/special education
- 5.3 A candidate, with /without M.Phil, registered for the PhD programme as full time scholar shall work for a minimum period of 2 years from the date of admission.
- 5.4 Extension: Eight extensions of 3 months (2 years extension) will be permitted with prior permission for candidates with /without M.Phil.

6. Guide for the Ph.D scholar:

- 6.1 Every Ph.D scholar registered for the Ph. D programme shall work under the continuous supervision of a recognized guide
- 6.2 A guide shall not supervise his/her immediate/close relative and to this effect he/she shall furnish a declaration in the column provided in the application form for admission

6.3 Qualification and Recognition of the Guide:

- 6.3.1 A teacher /scientist who is in confirmed employment may be recognized as a supervisor for guiding students to the award of the Ph.D. degree, provided he/she possesses the following:
 - a. A Ph.D degree of the University or of any other University recognized by the Board of Management as equivalent thereto
 - b. A minimum of two publications of which at least one was published after the award of Ph.D. Degree in national/ international journals or equivalent published works as books or chapters in edited books.
- 6.3.2 Teachers employed in various departments of Universities or affiliated colleges of Universities specialized in the area of disability may serve as guides
- 6.3.3 In case of inter-disciplinary research or in special cases, the doctoral committee may recommend joint supervisors under the following conditions: (a) a candidate is not to be registered under more than two supervisors. (b) Main guide will be nominated by the University where as the co guide will be selected from the inter-disciplinary area.

6.4 Allotment of candidates to the Guides:

Ph.D candidates may be allotted to the guides according to the willingness of the guides and the request of the candidates

The total number of candidates who can be registered for the Ph.D programme under a supervisor is limited to 8. The same supervisor is permitted to guide 4 M.Phil scholars also.

6.5 Change of guide:

Transfer of Ph.D scholars from one guide to another guide can be effected with mutual willingness given by both the present and new supervisor.

In case if change of guide is proposed without the consent of both the parties concerned, the matter shall be referred to the board of research studies whose decision shall be the final.

6.6 Duties of the Guide:

- a. Help the candidates to select the topic and prepare the research proposal in a proper manner.
- b. Prepare syllabus for the background paper 3, related to the research topic of the research scholar under his/her supervision
- c. Give guidance to the students throughout the study
- d. Make corrections or modifications and acknowledge each chapter prepared by the candidate at the end of each quarter
- e. Give the panel of 9 examiners(Foreign-3, Outside Tamil nadu-3,/ Outside Tamil nadu-6, within Tamilnadu-3)
- f. Decide the date for the viva-voce examination

7. CHANGE OF TOPIC

Change of topic of research by the candidate is permitted in exceptional cases subject to the approval of the research committee. The time limit fixed for change of topic of research in the Ph.D. programme is as follows:

Within 6 months from the date of registration in the case of candidates registered with Masters Degree qualification, and within 3 months from the date of registration in case of candidates registered with M.Phil qualification.

8. Course work:

Examination and Evaluation;

8.1. Part: 1 Course work: Every candidate without possessing M.Phil, admitted to Ph.D programme, full time and part time, shall undergo a course work during the second semester. The course work consists of the following:

Paper: 1 Trends in educational developments

Paper; 2 Advanced Research Methods and statistics

(Examination for the first 2 papers shall be held during the 2nd quarter of the 3 year period of the research schedule)

Paper: 3 Background paper related to his/ her research topic (The PhD scholar in consultation with his/her guide shall prepare the background paper related to the research topic and shall get it approved by the research committee. Examination for the 3rd paper shall be held by the end of the 6th quarter.)

Every candidate should have 100% attendance during the contact programme to appear for the Pre-Ph.D examination

The candidates with MPhil qualification are exempted from part: 1 examination, both for regular and part time.

8.2 Examination pattern

Paper	Internal Marks	External Marks	Passing Min	Total
1. Trends in Educational Development	0	100	50	100
2. Advanced Research Methods & statistics	0	100	50	100
3. Back ground paper related research topic	0	100	50	100
Grand Total				300

The candidate would be given 2 chances to pass this examination as and when the next examination is conducted.

9. Periodic Review:

9.1 The process of the research work will be reviewed by a Doctoral Research Periodic Review Committee (DRPRC) at the end of every three months. Special targets have been assigned for each monthly quarter. The scholars should send a report regarding the progress of the research work, duly signed by the Guide. This is to ensure continuous and sustained effort on the part of the scholar and the guide. The details are given below: Attending course work and seminar are compulsory.

Three year Ph.D programme Schedule: part time

Sl.No	Three monthly quarters after admission	Research targets assignment to be completed within the stipulated period
1	First quarter*	1. Course work for 2 theory papers 2. Submission of syllabus of 3 rd paper 3. Self study & clarification of doubts 4. Examinations for 1 st and 2 nd papers 5. Approval of 3 rd paper
2	Second quarter	
3	Third quarter	Submission – review of related literature
4	Fourth quarter	Submission- Introductory chapter
5	Fifth quarter	Seminar of presentation of methodology Exam in 3 rd paper
6	Sixth quarter	
7	Seventh quarter	Submission- collection of data
8	Eighth quarter	
9	Ninth quarter	Submission- analysis of data, results, discussion on findings, interpretations, summary, conclusion & recommendation
10	Tenth quarter	
11	Eleventh quarter	Seminar & presentation of final draft of all chapters. Synopsis to be submitted at the end of 11 th quarter
12	Twelfth quarter	Final thesis to be submitted by the end of the 12 th quarter

*First quarter starts on the date of issue of admission intimation from the University

9.2 Schedule for periodic review for candidate possessing M.Phil Degree (Education or Special Education): Part time and regular Ph.D

Two year Ph.D programme Schedule (Regular & part time Scholars having MPhil Degree)

Three monthly quarters	Research targets assignment to be completed within the stipulated period
First quarter	Submission of review of related literature

Second quarter	Course work for 2 theory papers ** Submission of syllabus of 3 rd paper
Third quarter	Submission – introductory chapter
Fourth quarter	Seminar on presentation on methodology
Fifth quarter	Collection of data
Sixth quarter	Submission -Collection of data, analysis of data, results, discussion on findings, interpretations, summary, conclusion and recommendation
Seventh quarter	Seminar on draft of all chapters. Synopsis to be submitted at the end of 7 th quarter
8 th quarter	Final thesis to be submitted by the end of the 8 th quarter

***First quarter starts** on the date of issue of admission intimation from the University

Note:

1. *Regular PhD scholars without MPhil should appear for part:1 examination i.e. two papers at the end of second quarter and 3rd paper at the end of 4th quarter.*
2. *Inability to meet the targets in any quarter as stated above will lead to extension of the Ph.D. programme by another 3 monthly quarter. Under no circumstances the target of two, 3 monthly quarters will be allowed to be presented simultaneously during any three monthly review meetings. Every extension will have to be requested by the candidate by paying an extension fee of Rs. 500.00*

10.0 Part II- Thesis

10.1 Submission of Synopsis

- a) The candidates shall be required to submit three copies of the synopsis at end of 7th quarter for M.Phil holders and 11th quarter for others after registration in the case of part-time programme. The regular candidates with and without M.Phil also required to submit three copies of the synopsis at end of 7th quarter and at the end of 7th quarter for Ph.D regular programme
- b) While forwarding the synopsis, the guide shall submit to the university, in sealed cover, the prescribed panels of examiners for evaluating the thesis and for conducting viva voce examination.
- c) The candidate is also required to submit the following documents while submitting synopsis:
 - I. The letter of acceptance from the agency/ institute where the research is conducted/ data has been collected
 - II. Profile of the sample with correct addresses
 - III. Letter of consent of parents/ care takers of the sample
 - IV. Original consolidated data sheet, photographs/ video clips
 - V. Copy of the published papers

10.2 Submission of Thesis

- a) Not later than six months after the submission of the synopsis and after the expiry of the minimum period of research prescribed, a candidate shall submit to the University, along with his/ her prescribed application form for the Ph.D. Degree, eight copies of the thesis embodying the results of the research carried out by him/her.
- b) Candidates should have published a research paper in any of the reputed journal before the submission of Ph.D Thesis.
- c) Candidates may also include, as appendices, to his/ her theses, printed copies of any contribution(s) to the knowledge of his/her subject or any cognate branch of science that he/she may have published in journals or periodicals.
- d) Candidates shall ordinarily be permitted to submit their thesis within a period of five years, but M.Phil holders are permitted after two years and others are after three years, from the date of registration and after two years for Ph.D regular scholars.
- e) Extension of time for submission of Ph.D. theses will be granted up to a maximum of two years on the payment of fees prescribed from time to time.

- f) Such extension will be granted for duration of 3 months in the first instance, and additional seven three monthly extensions may be granted, making a total of two years in exceptional cases with the recommendation of the supervisor.
- g) Every candidate shall submit with his/ her application for the Ph.D. degree and the thesis, a declaration by himself/herself, and a certificate from under whom he/she worked, in the prescribed formats given below. An extra copy of each of the certificate and declaration has to be submitted along with the thesis.

DECLARATION

I _____ hereby declare that thesis entitled " _____", submitted to the Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University, in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in _____ is a record of original and independent research work done by me under the supervision and guidance of Dr.Mr/Ms. _____ Department of _____ and it has not formed the basis for the award of any Degree/ Diploma/ Associateship/ Fellowship or other similar title to any candidate in any University.

Signature of the Candidate

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the thesis entitled " _____", submitted to the Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University, in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy _____ is a record of original research work done by Mr/Ms _____ during the period of his/her study in the Faculty of Disability Management and Special Education of Coimbatore under my supervision and guidance, and the thesis has not formatted the basis for the award of any Degree/ Diploma/ Associateship/ Fellowship or other similar title to any candidate of any university.

Signature of the Guide

Countersigned Head of the Faculty

11. Evaluation

- a. Panel of nine examiners (Foreign-3, Outside Tamilnadu-3/ outside Tamil Nadu-6, within tamilnadu-3) may be recommended by the candidate's guide. The Vice Chancellor of the University may, at his discretion, add more examiners and select examiners for external evaluation and viva-voce examination.
- b. The thesis submitted by the candidate shall be referred for valuation to a Board of examiners consisting of three persons, of whom two may from the panel of examiners suggested by the guide (one from outside of the state and one from outside India/ two from outside state) and the third will be the guide who will also be the convener. Each member of the Board shall adjudicate the thesis and shall submit a detailed report on the merits and demerits of the thesis, and finally indicate whether the thesis is 'highly commended', 'Commended', 'Not commended' or 'Recommended for Resubmission'. Thesis submitted by the candidate who has undertaken his/her research under a guide and a co-guide shall be evaluated by the guide only.

- c. If the University does not get the evaluation report from the examiner even after a second reminder, another examiner shall be appointed in his/her place.
- d. In case two examiners do not commend the thesis, the thesis shall be rejected and the registration cancelled.
- e. In case one examiner does not commend the thesis, the thesis shall be referred again to a fourth examiner
- f. In case the fourth examiner commends the thesis, it will be accepted and the candidates shall appear for the Public viva-voce examination. However, if the fourth examiner does not commend the thesis, the thesis shall be rejected and the registration cancelled.
- g. As soon as the report of evaluation is received from the examiners by the university, they shall be sent to the guide for consolidation of the reports.
- h. If an examiner(s) insist on corrections to be made in the thesis, the same shall be made before appearing for the viva-voce examination, along with a certificate from the guide that the corrections have been satisfactorily made.
- i. If the examiner/ examiners suggest a revision and resubmission of the thesis, then the revised thesis duly certified by the guide shall be accepted and the candidate shall appear for the viva-voce
- j. In the case of a thesis that has not been specifically 'Commended' or 'Not commended' but revision suggested, the thesis shall be revised, and the thesis, duly certified by the guide, shall be sent to the examiner(s) who have suggested the revision for obtaining the commendation
- k. The candidate whose thesis has been approved shall submit himself/ herself to a public viva-voce examination to be conducted by one external examiner, the guide and the members of the Department in the subject concerned and outside specialists, if any. The guide shall fix the date and time of the viva-voce examination in consultation with the external examiner appointed by the University for conducting the viva-voce examination. After conducting the viva-voce examination, the guide shall convey to the University, the result of such examination endorsed by the external examiner. A candidate who is successful in the viva-voce examination shall be declared to have qualified for the PhD degree by the BOM of the University.
- l. A candidate who is not successful at the viva voce examination may be permitted to undergo the viva –voce examination a second time, within a period of three months.
- m. A candidate shall not ordinarily be permitted to submit the thesis for the Degree or to take the viva-voce examination on more than two occasions.
- n. The title of the Ph.D thesis should be mentioned in the Degree certificate, along with the date of viva-voce examination, on which the candidate qualified for the Degree.
- o. In rare circumstances where the guide is unable to act as convener, the Vice chancellor can nominate a competent convener.

11.1 Public Viva-voce examination

- a) The public viva – voce examination for the candidate will be decided based on the consolidated statement of the evaluation reports of the three examiners. The research guide consolidate the three reports of the Board of Examiners and the consolidate report shall be submitted to the University for further action.
- b) The research guide shall act as convener of viva-voce board
- c) The venue of public viva-voce examination shall preferably be the place of research or it will be decided by the University in consultation with the guide.
- d) For the conduct of the public viva-voce, the external examiner will be chosen from the list of examiners submitted by the guide hailing from the state where viva-voce examination will be conducted.

12. Re- Registration

- i) Candidates who fail to complete the requirements of the Ph.D. degree programme within the maximum period, including the extension period, as the case may be, can be permitted for re-registration to Ph.D. programme and be allowed to submit their Part II thesis after a period

- of one year from the date of re-registration, if they already possess M.Phil qualification or if they have already passed Part I examination (both part time) during their initial registration
- ii) Candidates re-registering for Ph.D programme shall be granted exemption from writing 3 papers of Part I if they have passed the same under their initial registration and with the same specialization.
 - iii) Such re-registration shall be permitted within ten year from the date of initial registration.
 - iv) The fees for re-registration shall be as prescribed from time to time.

13. Conferment of the Degree

- a. A Candidate is eligible for the conferment of the Ph.D. degree if he/she has undergone the prescribed programme for a period of not less than two years (for one who has registered with M.Phil qualification), and three years (for one who has registered without M.Phil qualification) in the case of part-time programme approved by the University, and passed all the examinations, and fulfils such conditions as have been prescribed therefore.
- b. One hard and soft copy of the thesis of a successful candidate will be retained by the University Library while another copy would be given to the department concerned. The thesis would also be sent to the appropriate microfiche agencies for storage and future dissemination.
- c. Abstracts of the thesis would be sent to i) the Bulletin of Association of Indian Universities and ii) Dissertation Abstracts International for publication.
- d. Candidates who qualify for the Ph.D degree shall be awarded the degree in the discipline in which the candidate was registered.
- e. Any point/ item not specifically covered in these rules, shall be decided by the Vice Chancellor of the University on merit of the individual cases.

14. Revision of Regulations and curriculum

The University may from time to time revise, amend or change the regulations, scheme of examinations, syllabus and fee structure if found necessary, and such amendments and changes shall come into effect from the date prescribed

Yours in the service of the Lord

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CHECKLIST FOR ADMISSION APPLICATION

- i. Xerox copy of Birth Certificate/ S.S.L.C. Certificate
- ii. Xerox copy of Community Certificate
- iii. Xerox copies of HSC/UG/ PG/M.Phil. Mark Statements and Convocation Certificates
- iv. Xerox copies of approval of qualifications granted by the respective university
- v. Xerox copies of Certificates of Research Experiences
- vi. Part-Time candidates should enclose the following certificates along with application.
 - a. A service certificate from the Head of the Institution where the candidate is employed indicating the date of appointment (ie whether permanent or temporary or leave vacancy etc.,) should be furnished. If there is any break in service (if it is not a continuous service), the details should be furnished.
 - b. A certificate from the Competent Authority stating that the polytechnic/ Higher Secondary/ High School where the teacher is employed has been recognized by the Government.
 - c. A no objection certificate issued by the Competent Authority.

Instructions

- i. Serial Nos 1-18 should be filled in by the applicant. Serial Nos 19-23 should be filled in by the Supervisor. Serial No 24 should be filled in by the Head of the Research Department/ Principal/ Director
- ii. The filled in applications should be sent to the Administrative head/Dean before 31st of July of every year
- iii. Applications forms can be had from the office of the Administrative Head, RKMVU, FDMSE, Coimbatore on payment of Rs.500/- by means of Demand Draft drawn in favour of Administrative Head, RKMVU, FDMSE, payable at Coimbatore.
- iv. Application can also be downloaded from the website and sent to the Administrative Head, with prescribed fee in the form of Demand Draft as mentioned above
- v. The admission to Ph.D programme shall be completed by the end of August each year.

List of approved Guides for PhD Programme

1. Dr. J.P. Singh, Rehabilitation Council of India, New Delhi
2. Dr. Sudesh Mukhopadhyay, NIEPA, New Delhi
3. Dr. S. R. Mittal, Jamia Millia University, New Delhi
4. Dr. Smriti Swarup, SNDT University, New Delhi
5. Dr. Maria Kamalam, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirapalli
6. Dr. Premavathy Vijayan, Avinashilingam University for Women, Coimbatore
7. Dr. S. Ramaa, Regional College of Education, Mysore.
8. Dr. R. Ranganathan, Reader, Andhra University, Vishakapattinam
9. Dr. Jayanthi Narayanan, NIMH, Hyderabad.
10. Dr. Sudha Kaul, Kolkata
11. Dr. N. Muthaiah, S.R.K.V.College of Education, Coimbatore
12. Dr. M. N. G. Mani, Secretary General, ICEVI, Coimbatore
13. Dr. S. Rajaguru, SRKV College of Education, Coimbatore
14. Dr. Arun Banik, Reader, AYJNIHH, Mumbai
15. Dr. Neeradha Chandramohan, Director, National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities, Chennai.
16. Dr. D. Venkateshwarlu, Reader, MJP Rohilkhand University, U.P
17. Dr. Asmita Huddar, Principal, Hashu Advani College of Special Education
18. Dr. Vijayalekshmy Myreddi, Senior faculty, NIMH, Secunderabad.
19. Dr. Vijay Shankar Sharma, JRH University, Chitrakoot, UP
20. Dr. A.T. Thressiakutty, Professor in Special Education, RKMVU, Coimbatore
21. Dr. I. Arivanandam, Director, NIVH, Chennai.
22. Dr G. Sivaramakrishnan (Co –Guide), Prof., Karpagam College of Engg., Coimbatore - 002
23. Dr Supriya Kale, Principal, PSM, Vishesh Shikshan Adhyapak Mahavidyalaya, Pune -9
24. Dr R. Arjunan (Co Guide), Head, Dept. of Social Work, Bishop Appasamy College, Cbe 018
25. Dr G.Victoria Naomi, Associate Prof., Dept. of Special Education, ADU, CBE - 43
26. Dr P.S. Sukumaran, Associate Prof. in Special Education, MG University, Kottayam - 686560