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CIRCULAR

The University Grants Commission, vide its Gazette notification No. 287, dated 31st July 2018 issued guidelines on promotion of academic integrity and prevention of plagiarism in higher education institutions. As per these guidelines, the thesis submitted by students shall be certified to be plagiarism-free, using tools that can detect plagiarism. The guidelines also prescribe penalty for plagiarism.

The guidelines have been displayed on the HBNI website and also circulated to all CIs for necessary action, vide Circular dated 6th August 2018.

Meanwhile, the HBNI Central Office is receiving queries for processing of PhD thesis for award of the degree, until such time that the software for plagiarism detection is procured and commissioned by the CIs/OCC. After deliberations and due processes, the following course of action is suggested:

1. All CIs/OCC shall immediately initiate necessary action to procure and commission the software for detection of plagiarism on or before Dec. 31st 2018. (It is also noted that few CIs have already procured such software and is in use).
2. Starting 1st January 2019, every thesis, at the time of submission to the Dean (Academic), shall be accompanied by a certification from the student and the supervisor as required by Clause no. 6 (a & b) and Clause no. 6 (c, d & f) of the UGC guidelines.
3. Pending procurement of the software, the thesis will be accompanied by the certificate from the student, duly endorsed by the supervisor, as given in the format enclosed, Annexure 1.
4. Deans (Academic) are requested to ensure that theses are forwarded to HBNI for processing only if they are accompanied by the Certificate. Effective from 1st September 2018, thesis not accompanied by the Certificate will not be processed by the Central Office for award of the degrees.

This is issued with the approval of Competent Authority.

Dr. Chandrasekar
REGISTRAR

All the Deans (Academics), CIs/ OCC
The Vice Chancellor, HBNI
The Dean, HBNI
Prof. D.K. Maity, Associate Dean, HBNI

CERTIFICATION ON ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

1. I _____ (name of student) HBNI Enrolment No. _____ hereby undertake that, the Thesis titled _____

_____ is prepared by me and that the document reports the original work carried out by me and is free of plagiarism.

2. I am aware and undertake that if plagiarism is detected in my thesis at any stage in future, suitable penalty will be imposed as per the applicable guidelines of the Institute/ UGC.

Signature of the Student
(with date)

Endorsed by the PhD Supervisor

Signature (with date)

Name:

Designation:

Department/ Centre:

Name of the CI/ OCC: