



## UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

(Abstract)

Ph.D. Research – Guidelines for the verification of suspicious journal publications -

Approved– Orders issued

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### Academic E II Section

**No. Ac.E II/2023**

**Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 28.10.2023**

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- Read:** 1. UO No. Ac EI/10685/(1)/2016 dated 12.08.2016  
2. UO No. Ac EI/2018 dated 13.08.2018  
3. UO No. Ac E II/2021 dated 15/12/2021  
4. Item No. 58.55.D10 of the minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate on held on 09.06.2023  
5. Item No. 02.01 of the minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 14.08.2023, Confirmation of the Priliminary Minutes of the Syndicate held on 09.06.2023

### ORDER

As per UO's read (1) and (2) above it is mandatory for the Ph.D. scholars to publish atleast one research paper in a refereed journal bearing ISSN before the submission of the thesis. However no procedures has been mentioned, if any ambiguity arises in the genuinity of the submitted journals during verification.

It has come to the notice of the University that, among the mandatory journal publications submitted by Ph.D. scholars along with their thesis submission, some publications were found to be included in the UGC - cloned list of journals and the authenticity of certain journals were found to be suspicious on verification.

The Syndicate vide papers read as (4) and (5) above considered the matter and resolved to forward the details of the publication submitted by the research scholars, to the Chairman Doctoral Committee, to ascertain the validity of the

journals in which they are published, if any ambiguity is noticed during verification, regarding the genuineness of the journal. Further resolved that on getting negative remarks from the Chairman Doctoral Committee, the thesis submitted by the candidate may be removed from active submission with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor and the scholar shall be directed to submit the thesis afresh as per the conditions stated in U.O. dated 15.12.2021.

Sanction has therefore been accorded by the Vice- Chancellor for the implementation of the above resolution.

Orders are issued accordingly.

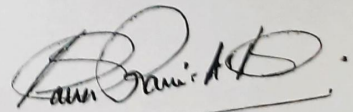
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