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Regulation Governing the Award of the Degree of **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Law (2026)**



CHOTANAGPUR LAW COLLEGE, RANCHI

(An Autonomous College of Ranchi University, Ranchi)

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CHOTANAGPUR LAW COLLEGE, RANCHI

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE AWARD OF DEGREE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (Ph.D) in Law 2026

By the Virtue of the powers conferred upon autonomous colleges under Clause 3.11¹ & 10.3² of the University Grants Commission (Conferment of Autonomous Status Upon Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations, 2023, and in conformity with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022 read with RU Notification vide Memo No. B / 1595 / 25 Dated 24th December 2025 & the Resolution no. 02 of 25th January 2026 passed in Academic Council of the Chotanagpur Law College, Ranchi. It is considered expedient by Chotanagpur Law College, Ranchi to frame the Regulations governing the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.).

Whereas, these Regulations are expediently designed to ensure the highest standards of academic rigor, integrity, and inclusivity in doctoral research, while aligning with the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The Chotanagpur Law College, Ranchi hereby makes the following Regulations, namely: -

1. Short Title, Application, and Commencement:

- 1.1 These Regulations may be called CNLC Regulations governing the award of Degree Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Law 2026.
- 1.2 They shall apply to all candidates admitted on or after the date of commencement of these Regulations.
- 1.3 These Regulations shall come into force from the date of approval by the Academic Council of the Autonomous College.

2. Definitions :

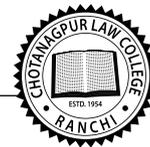
- 2.1 In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,-
 - (a) "Adjunct Faculty" means a part-time or contingent instructor, but not full-time faculty member hired to teach by a Chotanagpur Law College, Ranchi.

1 3.11 Ph.D. programmes shall be offered strictly as per the UGC Regulations notified in this regard from time to time.

2 10.3 An autonomous college can start Ph.D. programme with the prior approval of the parent University. UGC Regulations for Ph.D. programmes as notified from time to time, must be adhered to by the parent University / Autonomous College.



- (b) "Autonomous College" means Chotanagpur Law College, Ranchi
- (c) "Commission" means the University Grants Commission established under Section 4 of the UGC Act 1956.
- (d) "Controller of Examinations" Means Controller of Examinations / Addl. Controller of Examinations of Chotanagpur Law College, Ranchi.
- (e) "Course Work" means courses of study prescribed by the Chotanagpur Law College to be undertaken by a student registered for the Ph.D. Degree;
- (f) "Course" means one of the specified units which go to comprise a programme of study.
- (g) "Credit" means the number of hours of instruction required per week over the duration of a semester. A three-credit course in a semester means three one-hour lectures per week, with each one-hour lecture counted as one.
- (h) "CNLC-RET" means Chotanagpur Law College's Research Eligibility Test which shall be conducted by The Controller of Examinations once every academic year for the admission to the Ph.D. programme.
- (i) "Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)" means a measure of the overall cumulative performance of a student over all semesters. The CGPA is the ratio of total credit points secured by a student in various courses in all semesters and the sum of the total credits of all courses in all semesters. It is expressed up to two decimal places.
- (j) "Degree" means a degree awarded by a Chotanagpur Law College, Ranchi in accordance with the provisions of section 22 (3) of the Act.
- (k) "Doctoral Committee (DC)" The Doctoral Committee will be the Apex body to guide and supervise overall doctoral programme at Chotanagpur Law College, Ranchi ((hereinafter referred to as "CNLC,Ranchi"). It will lay down the broad policies of research programme and suggest measures for development and improvement of the programme. It will provide a vision to the doctoral programme.
- (l) "Departmental Research Committee (DRC)" means committee will consist of Heads of the Departments & all the faculty members of the autonomous college.
- (m) "External examiner" means an academician / researcher with published research work who is not part of the Chotanagpur Law College, Ranchi where the Ph.D. scholar has registered for the Ph.D. programme.



- (n) "Foreign Educational Institution" means—(i) an institution duly established or incorporated in its home country and offering educational programmes at the undergraduate, postgraduate and higher levels in its home country and (ii) which offers programme(s) of study leading to the award of a degree through conventional face-to-face mode, but excluding distance, online, ODL mode.
- (o) "Grade Point" means a numerical weight allotted to each letter grade on a 10-point scale.
- (p) "Guide / Research Supervisor" means an academician / researcher recognized by Chotanagpur Law College, Ranchi to supervise the Ph.D. scholar for his / her research.
- (q) "Interdisciplinary Research" means research conducted by a Ph.D. scholar in two or more academic disciplines.
- (r) "Masters in Law degree (LL.M.)" shall mean a master's degree programme in Law of either 1-year / 2-semester / 3-trimester duration or 2-year / 4-semester / 6-trimester duration, as completed by a candidate having any of :
 - i. 4-year / 8-semester bachelor's degree in Law (LL.B. / LL.B. (Hons.) through regular mode from a recognized University.
 - ii. 5-year / 10-semester / 15-trimester bachelor's degree in Law (LL.B. / LL.B.(Hons.) through regular mode from a recognized University. or
 - iii. 3 (or 4)-year bachelor's degree and a 3-year degree in Law (LL. B. / LL.B. (Hons.) through regular mode from a recognized University.
- (s) "Online Mode" shall have the same meaning as defined under the UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations 2020.
- (t) "Open and Distance Learning Mode" shall have the same meaning as defined under the UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations 2020.
- (u) "Plagiarism" means the practice of taking someone else's work or idea and passing them as one's own.
- (v) "Programme" means a higher education programme pursued for a degree specified by the University Grant Commission under sub-section (3) of section 22 of the Act.



- (w) "Prospectus" means any document, whether in print or otherwise, issued for providing fair and transparent information relating to a Chotanagpur Law College, Ranchi and programmes, to the general public (including to those seeking admission in Chotanagpur Law College, Ranchi) by the Chotanagpur Law College, Ranchi.
- (x) "Regulation" means Chotanagpur Law College's Regulations governing the Degree Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) 2026.
- (y) "Research Advisory Committee (RAC)" The Research Advisory Committee will review the research proposals received by CNLC, Ranchi every year. The reviewed proposals will be submitted to the Doctoral Committee for consideration and evaluation. The Research Advisory Committee will also guide the enrolled candidates in developing the study design and methodology of research. It will periodically review and assist in the implementation of the research works.
- (z) "Research Proposal" means a brief write-up giving an outline of the proposed research work which the Ph.D. scholar shall submit along with the application for registration for Ph.D. programme.

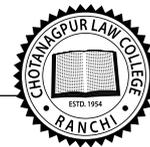
3. Eligibility Criteria for Admission to the Ph.D. Programme.

The following are eligible to seek admission to the Ph.D. programme:

- i) A Master's degree in Law or a professional degree declared equivalent to the Master's degree in Law by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) or an equivalent degree from a foreign educational institution accredited by an Assessment and Accreditation Agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country for the purpose of assessing, accrediting, or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions.

Or

- ii) Obtained a degree in law and Master's Degree in social sciences or humanities from any recognised educational institution, Indian or a foreign educational institution accredited as per UGC Regulations, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent



grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed). Provided that candidates with qualifications in social sciences and humanities may be admitted to the programme if the research they wish to pursue interfaces with the discipline of law with a special focus on Public Policy or Law.

For the above two categories, a relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for those belonging to SC / ST / differently-abled candidates and other categories of candidates, as per the decisions of the UGC from time to time, or for those who had obtained their Master's degree prior to 19th September, 1991.

The eligibility marks of 55% (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and the relaxation of 5% to the categories mentioned above are permissible based only on the qualifying marks without including the grace mark procedures.

Or

- iii) Degree in law and passed the Company Secretary examination conducted by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India and awarded the Associate Membership of the Institute shall be eligible for admission to the programme, if the research they wish to pursue interfaces with the discipline of law.

Or

- iv) Degree in law and passed the final examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India shall be eligible for admission to the programme, if the research they wish to pursue interfaces with the discipline of law.

Or

- v) Judge of any State High Court in India with three years' experience or Judge of Supreme Court of India.

The Principal of the autonomous college with the consultation with the Doctoral Committee may also permit a Chotanagpur Law College's faculty member to enroll for the Ph.D. programme along with the teaching assignment of the concerned faculty member in the interest of faculty improvement on the condition that teaching and other responsibilities of the faculty member are not hampered in any way provided such candidates fulfill the conditions prescribed in the Ph.D. Regulations.



3.1 Eligibility Criteria for Admission of Foreign Nationals:

3.1.1. Admission through open advertisements:

A foreign national, who is interested in enrolling for the Ph.D. programme at CNLC, Ranchi may apply in accordance with the admission notifications of CNLC, Ranchi. The candidates shall have sufficient proficiency in English language. Foreign nationals are exempted from the entrance examination conducted by CNLC, Ranchi for Ph.D. enrollment.

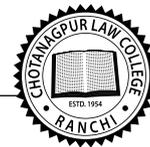
All other requirements for admission which are applicable to Indian nationals shall be applicable to foreign nationals also. The number of seats available for foreign nationals shall be in accordance with the notifications issued by CNLC, Ranchi from time to time. In the event of non-availability of suitable candidates, CNLC, Ranchi reserves the right not to fill up the seats and under no circumstances these seats shall be converted to any other categories of Ph.D. admission.

3.1.2. Admission of candidates from foreign universities / institutions having MoU with CNLC, Ranchi

A foreign national, who is interested in enrolling for the Ph.D. programme at CNLC, Ranchi, and is currently enrolled for Ph.D. programme at a foreign university / institution having MoU with CNLC, Ranchi, may be allowed to be registered for Ph.D. in CNLC, Ranchi subject to the condition that one supervisor will be from CNLC, Ranchi and one from the parent foreign university / institution of the candidate. Such a candidate will be exempted from appearing in the entrance test, subject to the condition that the candidate fulfills the other minimum eligibility conditions.

The Principal will be the competent authority to allow registration of such candidates on case-to-case basis, on the recommendations of the Doctoral Committee. The candidate will be required to visit CNLC, Ranchi for Viva-Voce to defend the thesis as per CNLC, Ranchi Ph.D. Regulations. The fees for the programme shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the MoU between CNLC, Ranchi and the concerned foreign university / institute.

No separate Ph.D. degree of CNLC, Ranchi will be awarded in such cases. A joint degree may be awarded, if required under the MOU. For the purpose of this regulation, a foreign national shall mean a candidate



who possesses citizenship of a country other than India and holds a valid passport.

3.1.3. Admission of candidates through Study in India and ICCR Programmes:

- i. Admission through Study in India: A foreign national may apply for enrollment in Ph.D. programme through Study in India Programme of Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

The candidates shall have sufficient proficiency in English language. Foreign nationals are exempted from the entrance examination conducted by CNLC, Ranchi for Ph.D. enrollment. All other requirements for admission which are applicable to Indian nationals shall be applicable to foreign nationals also. The number of seats available for foreign nationals will be decided by the university on year-to-year basis. In the event of non-availability of suitable candidates, CNLC, Ranchi reserves the right not to fill up the seats and if required, these seats shall be converted to any other categories of Ph.D. admission for foreign nationals. Candidate will be required to pay the fees applicable to foreign nationals under R. 4A.

- ii. Admission through ICCR: A foreign national may apply for enrollment in Ph.D. programme through ICCR Programme of Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. The candidates shall have sufficient proficiency in English language. Foreign nationals are exempted from the entrance examination conducted by CNLC, Ranchi for Ph.D. enrollment. All other requirements for admission which are applicable to Indian nationals shall be applicable to foreign nationals also. The number of seats available for foreign nationals will be decided by the Autonomous College on year-to-year basis and will be within the seats fixed by the Autonomous College for ICCR. In the event of non-availability of suitable candidates, CNLC, Ranchi reserves the right not to fill up the seats and if required, these seats may be converted to any other categories of Ph.D. admission for foreign nationals. Fee applicable to candidates under this category will be at par with Indian Ph.D. scholars.

For the purpose of this regulation, a foreign national shall mean a candidate who possesses citizenship of a country other than India and holds a valid passport.



4. Application for Admission

- 4.1. There shall be two semesters of six months each in a year for the Ph.D. programme, namely, Odd Semester : July – December and Even Semester: January – June.
- 4.2. A candidate may be admitted for the Ph.D. programme at the beginning of semester provided the result of the qualifying examination is declared before the commencement of counselling for admission to the semester and he / she fulfils the eligibility criteria laid down as above in this regulation.
- 4.3. The admission to the Ph.D. programme shall be either through the CNLC Research Entrance Test (CNLC-RET) or through direct admission as per the Regulation 6 of the Regulations. The application form shall be the same for both these types of candidates. The candidates who are eligible for direct admission shall indicate in the form that they are exempted from CNLC-RET.
- 4.4. The candidates shall submit the duly filled in application form to the Office of the Controller of Examinations on or before the last date announced by the CNLC, Ranchi.

5. Procedure for Admission

- i) The number of seats available for the Ph.D. programme shall be notified by Chotanagpur Law College, Ranchi each year prior to the commencement of the admission process through Prospectus, taking into account the availability of faculty members qualified to supervise doctoral candidates.
- ii) Admission shall be conducted through a two-stage selection process, comprising:
 - (a) CNLC-RET Test shall be conducted for the admission to the Ph.D. programme once every academic year (Detailed Syllabus is mentioned in Annexure). The results of the CNLC-RET shall remain valid for one academic year (two semesters). However, A candidate who is qualified in a national level test such as National Eligibility Test (NET-JRF) / UGC-NET (For Assistant Professor and Ph.D. or For Ph.D. only) / State Level Eligibility Test (such as JET (Jharkhand Eligibility Test) / BET (Bihar Eligibility Test) etc.) accredited by UGC, shall be exempted from the CNLC-RET as per the UGC notification NO. F.4-1(UGC-NET Review Committee) / 2024 (NET) / 140648 Dated 28th March 2024.

AND

- (b) Evaluation of research proposals followed by an interview / viva voce. In the final selection, 70% weightage shall be assigned to the entrance



examination / NET-JRF / UGC-NET / SLET (Like JET / BET etc.) score and 30% weightage to the evaluation of research proposals and interview / viva voce.

- (c) The entrance examination shall consist of 50% questions on Research Methodology and 50% questions from various areas of law. To qualify for the second stage, candidates must secure a minimum of 50% marks (with a relaxation to 45% for SC / ST and differently-abled candidates). Based on the entrance examination results, candidates equal to three times the number of available seats shall be shortlisted for the second stage.
- (d) In the second stage, candidates must obtain a minimum of 50% marks (with a relaxation to 45% for SC / ST and differently-abled candidates) in the evaluation of research proposals and interview / viva voce to be considered for final selection before the Departmental Research Committee (DRC).
- (e) On the recommendation of the Departmental Research Committee (DRC), the research scholar shall be provisionally enrolled in the Ph.D. programme. The date of such recommendation shall be deemed the official date of enrollment of the candidate in the Ph.D. programme.
- (f) Following provisional enrollment, the DRC shall direct the scholar to prepare a detailed research synopsis under the guidance of the allotted supervisor. The synopsis shall be submitted to the Registrar (within 30 days from the provisional date of enrollment), who will forward it to the Principal of the autonomous college. The Principal shall obtain expert feedback and suggestions on the synopsis from two subject experts, selected from a panel of five experts proposed by the supervisor in consultation with the Dean (Research).
- (g) The Research Advisory Committee shall assist the Doctoral Committee in evaluating research Synopsis in accordance with the guidelines prescribed by Chotanagpur Law College, Ranchi.
- (h) The decision of the Doctoral Committee in recommending candidates for admission to the Ph.D. programme shall be final. Admissions shall be formally approved by the Principal of Chotanagpur Law College, Ranchi, based on the recommendations of the Doctoral Committee.
 - i. Chotanagpur Law College, Ranchi reserves the right to leave seats vacant if a sufficient number of candidates meeting the minimum cut-off marks are not available.



- ii. Chotanagpur Law College, Ranchi shall maintain and publish on its official website a year-wise list of all registered Ph.D. candidates, including their names, research topics, supervisors / co-supervisors, and dates of enrollment / registration.

6. Categories of Enrollment

6.1. Full-Time Enrollment

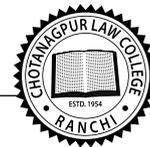
- i) Enrollment for the Ph.D. Degree shall ordinarily be on a full-time basis. The candidate shall complete a minimum of three years of which at least 18 months shall be at Chotanagpur Law College, Ranchi. During this period, the candidate may be attached to a supervisor and may assist the supervisor in teaching or academic activities at the College. After fulfilling this requirement, a candidate may be permitted to conduct research work outside the College, with due approval. Provision shall exist for awarding credits for research work undertaken outside the College.
- ii) The Ph.D. programme shall be for a minimum duration of three (3) years, including coursework, and a maximum duration of six (6) years from the date of admission.

A maximum of an additional two (2) years may be granted through re-registration as per the Statute / Ordinance of the College, provided that the total period for completion does not exceed eight (8) years.

- iii) Female Ph.D. scholars and Persons with Disabilities (having more than 40% disability) may be allowed an additional relaxation of two (2) years, subject to the condition that the total period for completion shall not exceed ten (10) years from the date of admission.
- iv) Female Ph.D. scholars may be provided Maternity Leave / Child Care Leave for up to 240 days during the entire duration of the programme.

6.1. Part-Time Enrollment

- i) Provision shall also exist for part-time enrollment in the Ph.D. programme. A part-time candidate shall complete a minimum of four years of part-time study, which may include research conducted at other institutions or places, subject to the supervisor's permission.
- ii) Part-time candidates shall be required to spend at least two semesters at Chotanagpur Law College, Ranchi during the four-year period. However,



individuals serving at senior levels—such as Judges of the High Court / Supreme Court, Senior Advocates of the Supreme Court, Judicial Officers (holding an LL.M. degree with ten years of service), and IAS / IPS / IRS and allied services officers (holding an LL.M. degree with ten years of service, recruited through UPSC)—may be exempted from the residence requirement. Such exemption shall be conditional upon successful completion of the certificate course in research methodology within six months of admission.

- iii) The maximum period within which a part-time candidate must complete doctoral research and submit the thesis for evaluation shall be six years. This period may be extended by up to two additional year, in two extensions of one year each, upon written request. Such extension shall be subject to the approval of the Doctoral Committee, based on the recommendation of the Research Advisory Committee.

6.2. Conversion

Conversion from part-time to full-time enrollment, or vice versa, shall be permitted only with the approval of the Doctoral Committee. All cases involving pre- and post-employment of candidates, including those enrolled under Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) and Senior Research Fellowship (SRF) schemes, shall be duly considered and approved by the Doctoral Committee.

7. Supervisors and Co-Supervisors

7 1. Allocation of Research Supervisor

7.1.1. Eligibility Criteria

- (a) **Professors / Associate Professors:** Permanent faculty members of Chotanagpur Law College or its affiliated postgraduate institutions, holding a Ph.D. and having **at least five research publications** in peer-reviewed or refereed journals, may be recognized as Research Supervisors.
- (b) **Assistant Professors:** Permanent faculty members with a Ph.D. and **minimum three research publications** in peer-reviewed or refereed journals may also be recognized as Research Supervisors.
- (c) **Restriction:** Recognized supervisors shall guide scholars **only within the College**. They may act as **Co-Supervisors** in other institutions but cannot serve as primary supervisors outside.



- (d) **Violation Clause:** Any Ph.D. awarded under the supervision of a faculty member not employed by the College shall be deemed a violation of these Regulations.

7.2. Relaxation Clause

- (a) In disciplines where **peer-reviewed / refereed journals are limited or unavailable**, the College may relax publication requirements for recognition as Research Supervisor, with reasons duly recorded in writing.

7.3. Co-Supervisors

- (a) Co-Supervisors may be appointed:
- i. From within the same department or other departments of the College.
 - ii. From other institutions, subject to approval by the competent authority.
- (b) Adjunct Faculty: May act only as Co-Supervisors, not as primary supervisors.
- (c) For interdisciplinary / multidisciplinary research, a Co-Supervisor from outside the Department / School / Centre / College / University may be appointed, if required.

7.4. Permissible Number of Scholars

- (a) A recognized supervisor may guide the following number of Ph.D. scholars at any given time:
- i. Professor: up to 8 scholars
 - ii. Associate Professor: up to 6 scholars
 - iii. Assistant Professor: up to 4 scholars
- (b) If a Co-Supervisor is appointed, a full-time candidate shall be counted towards the quota of both the Supervisor and the Co-Supervisor.
- (c) All full-time research scholars registered for Ph.D. shall be counted within the quota until submission of their theses.
- (d) A faculty member may supervise a maximum of two external / internal part-time candidates at any given time, which shall not be counted towards the quota prescribed above.
- (e) An Internal Adjunct Faculty may enroll a maximum of two candidates in



the CNLC, Ranchi (where appointed as Internal Adjunct Faculty), and such enrollment shall not be counted towards the quota prescribed above.

- (f) The quota prescribed for Professor Emeritus and Distinguished Professors shall be the same as that allotted to a Professor.
- (g) Teachers of the College may also guide Ph.D. scholars admitted in other Universities of national importance, provided that:
 - i. There is a vacancy with the guide under whom the candidate intends to work.
 - ii. The sponsoring university seeks prior permission in the matter.
 - iii. The concerned RAC approves the arrangement.

7.5. Appointment of New Supervisor

- (a) Where the Supervisor of a candidate proceeds on leave, lien, or deputation:
- (b) If the period exceeds 12 months, or if initially less than 12 months but subsequently extended beyond 12 months, a Co-Supervisor shall be appointed.
- (c) If the candidate has already submitted the abstract of the thesis or the thesis itself prior to the Supervisor proceeding on leave, no Co-Supervisor shall be required.
- (d) Provided further, if the Supervisor proceeds on lien / deputation to another institution for a period exceeding 12 months, the RAC may permit the candidate to continue research under the same Supervisor in that institution, subject to:
 - (a) Written consent of the Supervisor, the candidate, and the host institution.
 - (b) Satisfaction of the RAC that adequate facilities exist in the host institution for successful completion of the research work.
- (c) If the Supervisor of a candidate expires or is terminated from University service, he / she shall cease to be the Supervisor.
- (d) If the Supervisor of a candidate is placed under suspension, he / she shall cease to be the Supervisor for the entire duration of the suspension.
- (e) If a teacher retires or resigns from University service, he / she shall cease to be the Supervisor.



- (f) In all cases where the existing Supervisor ceases to function:
- (g) The Co-Supervisor, if any, shall be appointed as the Supervisor, provided he / she belongs to the same discipline.
- (h) If no Co-Supervisor exists, or if the Co-Supervisor belongs to a different discipline, the Doctoral Committee shall appoint a new Supervisor.
- (i) If a candidate, for cogent reasons, seeks to change his / her Supervisor, such change may be permitted by the Doctoral Committee, subject to the mutual consent of the present Supervisor, the proposed Supervisor, and the candidate.

7.6. Relocation of Female Scholars

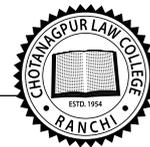
- (a) In case of relocation due to marriage or other reasons, a female Ph.D. scholar may transfer her research data to the institution she intends to join with the approval of the Doctoral Committee, provided:
 - i. All other conditions of these Regulations are complied with.
- (b) The scholar shall give **due credit** to the CNLC, Ranchi and supervisor for research already undertaken.

7.7. Superannuation Clause

- (a) Faculty members with **less than three years of service before superannuation** shall not be permitted to take new Ph.D. scholars.
- (b) They may continue supervising already registered scholars until superannuation and may act as Co-Supervisors thereafter, but **not beyond the age of 70 years**.

7.8. Monitoring of Research Work

For both **part-time and full-time enrollments**, the Supervisor shall ensure **continuous and effective monitoring** of research activities undertaken by the candidate outside the campus. The Supervisor must require the candidate to produce **adequate and verifiable proof** of the work completed, so as to maintain academic integrity and accountability in the research process.



8. Research Committees

Subject to the general superintendence of the Academic Council, the following Committees shall deal with all matters connected with the Ph.D. programme of the autonomous college in accordance with these regulations:

- (a) Departmental Research Committee (DRC)
- (b) The Research Advisory Committee of the Autonomous College (RAC)
- (c) The Doctoral Committee of the Autonomous College (DC)

8.1. Departmental Research Committee (DRC)

The DRC shall consist of the following:

- (i) Head of the Departments
- (ii) All the faculty Members of the Autonomous College.
- (iii) The Principal of the Autonomous College may nominate two External Experts of the subject.

8.1.1. Function of Departmental Research Committee (DRC)

Departmental Research Committee (DRC) shall recommend the provisional enrollment of the Research Scholar on the basis of his / her CNLC-RET / NET-JRF / UGC-NET score & Presentation of Research Proposal & Viva-Voce & shall also allocate the Supervisor and Co-Supervisor (if required) to the enrolled research scholar. While allocation of the supervisor & Co-Supervisor, UGC regulations shall be strictly complied with.

8.2. The Research Advisory Committee of the Autonomous College (RAC)

The RAC shall consist of the following:

- (i) Principal of the Autonomous College Chairman
- (ii) Dean of Faculty (Academics & Research)
- (iii) Registrar Member-Secretary
- (iv) Four faculty nominated by the Principal of the autonomous College
- (v) Supervisor and Co-Supervisor (if any) of the concerned Ph.D. scholar



As the Member-Secretary, the Registrar shall convene all the meetings of the RAC.

8.2.1. Research Advisory Committee and Its Functions

1. For the Ph.D. Scholars, there shall be a Research Advisory Committee (RAC) or an equivalent body, as prescribed under the Regulations / of CNLC, Ranchi. The Research Supervisor of the scholar shall act as the Convener of the Committee. The Committee shall discharge the following functions:
 - i. Review the research Synopsis and approve the finalized topic of research.
 - ii. Periodically review and support the progress of the scholar's research work.
2. Each semester, the Ph.D. scholar shall present his / her research progress before the Research Advisory Committee and submit a brief written report. The Committee shall evaluate the presentation and report, provide further guidance, and forward its recommendations along with the scholar's progress report to CNLC, Ranchi. A copy of the recommendations shall also be furnished to the scholar.
3. If the Committee finds the scholar's progress unsatisfactory, it shall record the reasons and suggest corrective measures. Should the scholar fail to implement these measures, the Committee may, with specific justification, recommend cancellation of the scholar's registration in the Ph.D. programme at CNLC, Ranchi.

8.3. The Doctoral Committee of the Autonomous College (DC):

The Doctoral Committee shall consist of the following:

- (i) Principal of the Autonomous College (Chairman)
- (ii) Convenor of the Ph.D. Programmes
- (iii) Dean of Faculty (Academics & Research)
- (iv) Registrar (Member-Secretary)
- (v) Controller of the Examination
- (vi) Addl. Controller of the Examination



- (vii) Two External expert faculty nominated by the Principal of the autonomous College
- (viii) Two senior faculty nominated by the Principal of the autonomous College

As the Member-Secretary, the Registrar shall convene all the meetings of the DC.

8.3.1. Doctoral Committee of the Autonomous College (DC) and its Functions

The Doctoral Committee will be the Apex body to guide and supervise overall doctoral programme at CNLC, Ranchi . It will lay down the broad policies of research programme and suggest measures for development and improvement of the programme. It will provide a vision to the doctoral programme.

8.4. The DRC, RAC & DC shall not make any recommendation that is not in conformity with these Regulations and / or such other directives as may be issued by the Academic Council in regard to the Ph.D. programme from time to time.

9. Course Work Requirements for Ph.D. Candidates

9.1. Duration and Credits

Candidates shall undertake course work for a minimum period of **one semester**, covering **12 credits** in total, distributed as follows:

Paper Code	Title	Credits	Marks
Ph.D. - 101	Subject related to Research Area	4	100
Ph.D. - 102	Research Methodology, Research Ethics & Computer Application	4	100
Ph.D. - 103	Research Proposal -Preparation, Presentation & Viva-Voce	4	100
Total	—	12 Credits	300 Marks

(i) Exemption for Prior Qualification

Candidates already holding an **M.Phil. or Ph.D. degree** may be exempted from the Research Methodology component, provided they have successfully completed such a course earlier.



(ii) **Minimum Academic Requirement**

- (a) A candidate must secure at least **55% marks** in all components of the course work to remain eligible for continuation in the programme and submission of the thesis.
- (b) **Revaluation** of course work shall not be permitted.
- (c) Candidates failing to secure the minimum marks may be granted **one additional opportunity** to achieve the required standard, within **three months** from the date of publication of results.

(iii) **Completion Timeline**

All candidates shall complete the prescribed course work within the first one or two semesters, in accordance with Regulation 7.5 of the UGC Regulations, 2016.

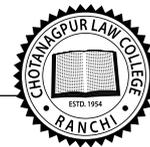
- (a) Senior professionals such as Judges of the High Court / Supreme Court, Senior Advocates of the Supreme Court, Judicial Officers (with an LL.M. degree and at least 10 years of service), and IAS / IPS / IRS and allied service officers (with an LL.M. degree and at least 10 years of service, recruited through UPSC) may be exempted from the full course work.
- (b) Such candidates must, however, complete a **certificate course in Research Methodology** within **six months of admission**.

(iv) **Eligibility for Research Work**

Course work must be completed within **six months from the date of registration**. Candidates shall be permitted to proceed with further research only after fulfilling this requirement.

(v) **Approval of Course Content**

The **Research Advisory Committee** shall prepare and periodically update the course work content, subject to approval by the **Academic Council of the Autonomous College**.



10. Unfair Means and Plagiarism

10.1 Plagiarism Verification

- (a) Prior to submission of the thesis for evaluation, every candidate's work shall undergo a plagiarism check conducted by the Librarian.
- (b) The Librarian shall issue a provisional certificate to the candidate, certifying that the thesis has been tested using the UGC-INFLIBNET prescribed plagiarism software and that its contents fall within the permissible limits.
- (c) A detailed plagiarism report shall be submitted to the Registrar at the time of thesis submission for official record.

10.2 Disciplinary Provisions

- (a) All cases involving unfair means or plagiarism shall be dealt with strictly in accordance with the University Grants Commission (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Education Institutions) Regulations, 2018, as adopted by the College.

11. Evaluation and Examination of Thesis

i) Pre-Submission Presentation

- (a) Prior to submission, the candidate shall submit a draft thesis to the Registrar through the Supervisor and present it before the Research Advisory Committee (RAC).
- (b) This forum shall be open to all faculty members and research scholars for comments, which may be incorporated into the draft thesis on the advice of the Supervisor.

ii) Publication Requirement

- (a) Each Ph.D. candidate must publish at least one research paper in a refereed journal and present two papers in conferences / seminars before submitting the thesis / monograph for adjudication.
- (b) Evidence of publication / presentation shall be produced in the form of acceptance letters or reprints.

iii) Submission of Thesis Copies

- (a) The candidate shall submit five hard copies of the thesis (all retained by the University), along with a soft copy on CD, and five copies of the thesis summary (not exceeding 3000 words) to the Registrar.



- (b) The length of the thesis shall conform to the requirements prescribed by the Doctoral Committee and follow the format notified by the University.
- iv) **Language and Standard**
- (a) The thesis shall be written in English and must reflect the candidate's original work, attaining a satisfactory standard of scholarly presentation.
- v) **Plagiarism Undertaking**
- (a) At the time of submission, the candidate shall provide an undertaking that the thesis contains no plagiarism and has not been submitted for any other degree at the same or any other institution.
- (b) A plagiarism check shall be conducted in accordance with University policies.
- vi) **Evaluation Objective and Timeline**
- (a) The evaluation shall assess the candidate's original contribution to research, excluding work forming part of any other completed degree.
- (b) The candidate must clearly indicate the nature and extent of their scholarly contribution.
- (c) The evaluation process shall ordinarily be completed within six months of submission.
- vii) **Supervisor's Certification**
- (a) The Supervisor must certify that the thesis conforms to Ph.D. regulations.
- (b) If certification is withheld, the Doctoral Committee, on the recommendation of the RAC, shall take appropriate measures.
- viii) **Appointment of Examiners**
- (a) Upon submission, the Principal of the autonomous College shall appoint two external examiners from a panel of at least eight names recommended by the RAC forwarded by the Supervisor.
- (b) Examiner / (s) may be from outside the country.
- (c) Expert who has provided his / her feedback on the Research proposal forwarded to him / her by the DRC (Departmental Research Committee)
- ix) **Examiners' Report**
- (a) Examiners shall submit a report in the prescribed format, assessing the thesis and recommending whether the degree should be awarded.



- (b) If the thesis is deemed unsatisfactory, examiners shall specify whether additional work is required or whether the thesis should be rejected.
- x) **Viva-Voce Examination**
 - (a) If both examiners unanimously recommend the award of the degree, the RAC shall organize a viva-voce examination, conducted by one of the examiners.
 - (b) On successful completion, the candidate shall receive a Provisional Certificate.
 - (c) The viva-voce report shall be submitted to the Doctoral Committee, whose recommendation will be placed before the Academic Council / Executive Council.
- xi) **Third Examiner**
 - (a) If unanimity is not achieved, the thesis shall be referred to a third external examiner from the approved panel.
 - (b) The viva-voce shall be conducted only if the third examiner's report is satisfactory.
- xii) **Non-Recommendation of Degree**
 - (a) If viva-voce examiners do not recommend the award of the degree, the Doctoral Committee may:
 - i. Recommend that the degree not be awarded;
 - ii. Require the candidate to undertake additional work and resubmit within a specified period; or
 - iii. Take other appropriate action, guided by the majority opinion of examiners.
- xiii) **Resubmission of Thesis**
 - (a) A candidate required to resubmit a revised thesis shall be re-enrolled for a period not exceeding six months.
 - (b) Only one resubmission is permitted.
 - (c) If the resubmitted thesis fails, no further resubmission shall be allowed.
- xiv) **Failure at Viva-Voce**
 - (a) A candidate failing to defend the thesis at viva-voce may be given one final opportunity to defend.



xv) **Library Deposit**

- (a) A copy of the thesis shall be deposited in the Autonomous College Library for consultation, loan, or photocopying.
- (b) In exceptional cases, the Doctoral Committee, on application by the candidate and recommendation of the Supervisor, may restrict access for a period not exceeding one year.

xvi) **Submission to INFLIBNET**

- (a) The Autonomous College shall submit a soft copy of the thesis to INFLIBNET within 30 days of completion of the evaluation process.

12. Power to Remove Difficulties

Subject to the provisions of the UGC Ph.D. Regulations, the Principal of the autonomous College is authorized to remove any difficulties in implementing these regulations. Any measures taken shall be placed before the Doctoral Committee for information.



Annexure – A

Format for the Presentation and Approval of Research Plan Proposal

This is to certify

- (a) that Sri / Ms, a bonafide research scholar of this CNLC, Ranchi has given a detailed seminar on his Research Plan Proposal before the DRC as detailed below:

Topic:

..... Date / Time:

- (b) that his / her Research Plan Proposal has been examined in view of academic merit and that the DRC is satisfied / not-satisfied by the content and quality of Proposal,
- (c) that his / her presentation was excellent / good / satisfactory / not-satisfactory and that he / she was able / unable to defend the proposal and answer he proposal related questions,
- (d) that he / she is allowed / not-allowed to submit the Research Plan Proposal.

In case of unsatisfactory Proposal / presentation following suggestions are given by the DRC.

Date:

Place:

Signature of DRC Members

(Signature of the Principal of the Autonomous College)



**Course / Comprehensive Examination / Pre-Submission
Seminar Completion Certificate**

This is to certify

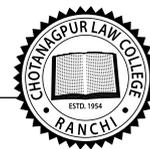
- (a) that Sri / Ms. , a bonafide research scholar of this CNLC,Ranchi has satisfactorily completed the Ph.D. course work and has been successful in comprehensive examination,
- (b) That his / her open Ph.D. thesis Pre-Submission seminar on (topic)..... was held on (date) in
- (c) CNLC,Ranchi from (time).
- (d) that the Doctoral Committee (DC) is satisfied / not-satisfied with the quality of the work of candidate,
- (e) that the candidate described the thesis work satisfactorily / unsatisfactorily and answered the questions related with the basics understanding of the subject and thesis work satisfactorily / unsatisfactorily,
- (f) that the Doctoral Committee (DC) gave following suggestions for the improvement of quality of work / performance of pre-submission seminar:

Date:

(Signature of the Principal of the Autonomous College)

Place:

Signature of Doctoral Committee (DC) Members



Annexure – C

Format of the Ph.D. Thesis

The following format may be normally adopted for the Ph.D. thesis:

1. Cover page
2. Inner cover page
3. Undertaking from the candidate
4. Self declaration certificate from the candidate and Certificate from the Supervisor / Co-Supervisor / Head of the Department (Annexure –)
5. Certificate for the completion of course work / comprehensive examination in cases where the course work is a part of Ph.D. programme (Annexure –)
6. Certificate for the successful completion of the pre-submission seminar (Annexure–)
7. A copyright transfer certificate (Annexure –)
8. Acknowledgments
9. Contents
10. List of symbols, figures and tables, if any
11. Preface of the thesis
12. Introduction
13. Literature review
14. Chapters covering the work of the candidate
15. Conclusion
16. References
17. Appendices
18. List of papers communicated / accepted / published / presented.
19. Copies of acknowledgment / acceptance letter in case the papers are communicated / accepted.



20. Copies of manuscripts / reprints of the papers communicated / accepted / published.
21. A personal profile not exceeding one page with photograph of the candidate.
22. References should be arranged chronologically in alphabetical order. Typical style of writing the references is given below:
 - (a) For single author
Surname, Initials, Title of the Article, Journal Name, Volume, Pages, Year.
 - (b) For two authors
Surname, Initials and Surname, Initials, Title of the Article, Journal Name, Volume, Pages, Year.
 - (c) For more than two authors
Surname, Initials, Surname, Initials, and Surname, Initials, Title of the Article, Journal Name, Volume, Pages, Year.

While citing the references in the text, the following format should be followed: Surname (Year) or Surname et al. (Year)

The names of the Journals should be typed as per the style followed by any standard international organization / abstracting Journal such as IEEE / Chemical Abstracts / Current Contents / Physics Abstracts, etc.



Annexure – D

Candidate’s Declaration

I,, certify that the work embodied in this Ph.D. thesis is my own bonafide work carried out by me under the supervision of and the co-supervision of for a period of from to at Banaras Hindu University and

The matter embodied in this Ph.D. thesis has not been submitted for the award of any other degree / diploma.

(Name of the Institution where work has been carried out partly or fully)

I declare that I have faithfully acknowledged, given credit to and referred to the research workers wherever their works have been cited in the text and the body of the thesis. I further certify that I have not willfully lifted up some other’s work, para, text, data, results, etc. reported in the journals, books, magazines, reports, dissertations, theses, etc., or available at web-sites and included them in this Ph.D. thesis and cited as my own work.

Date:
Place : Ranchi

(Signature of the candidate)
(Name of the candidate)

Certificate from the Supervisor / Co-supervisor

This is to certify that the above statement made by the candidate is correct to the best of my / our knowledge.

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(External Co-supervisor’s signature,
Name & Designation)

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(External Supervisor’s signature,
Name & Designation)

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(Co-supervisor’s signature,
Name & Designation)

.....
(Supervisor’s signature,
Name & Designation)

(Signature of the Principal of the Autonomous College with seal)



Copyright Transfer Certificate

Title of the Thesis : Candidate's Name:

Copyright Transfer

The undersigned hereby assigns to the CNLC,Ranchi all rights under copyright that may exist in and for the above thesis submitted for the award of the Ph.D. degree.

Signature of the candidate

Note: However, the author may reproduce or authorize others to reproduce material extracted verbatim from the thesis or derivative of the thesis for author's personal use provided that the source and the University's copyright notice are indicated.

Name of the Candidate:

Title of the Thesis :



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Ph. D. Adjudication Report

From

To

Prof. Dr.

Dean, Academic and Research

Chotanagpur Law College, Ranchi

An Autonomous Institution of Ranchi University, Ranchi

Nyay Vihar Campus, Namkum, Ranchi-834010.

1. Name of the Candidate : _____
2. Subject : _____
3. Title of the Thesis : _____

Part - I : Detailed Evaluation

Kindly adjudicate the Thesis under the following Three heads: **Quality, Content and Presentation** and grade each of them on a scale of **1 – 5** where:

"5" stands for "Excellent"

"4" stands for "Very Good"

"3" stands for "Good"

"2" stands for "Satisfactory"

"1" stands for "Poor"



Quality: 9 X 5 = 45 Marks (Maximum)

- 1. Introduction of the work:
- 2. Review of literature
- 3. Scope of the work
- 4. Technical soundness
(Research methodology/experimental set-up)
- 5. Problem statement
- 6. Originality of work
- 7. Timeliness of work
- 8. Contribution of the field
- 9. Conclusions drawn

Content: 3 X 10 = 30 Marks (Maximum)

- 10. Adequacy of data and information
- 11. Organization of the thesis
- 12. Practical applications/utility

Presentation: 5 X 5 = 25 Marks (Maximum)

- 13. Clear explanation of the work:
- 14. Sufficient details of the methods/techniques adopted
- 15. Justification of the work done:
- 16. Clarity and unambiguity of the language:
- 17. Freedom from redundant/irrelevant material

and errors.

Total Score out of 100

(In words _____)

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Part – II: A Detailed Report

Kindly enclose a detailed report on a separate sheet of paper in addition to the above proforma. For the award of the said degree the thesis must form a distinct contribution to the knowledge in the subject and afford evidence of originality shown either by the discovery of new facts or by the exercise of independent critical analytical power. A detailed report on the strengths and weaknesses of the Thesis is most essential.

Part – III: Final Recommendation

It is my considered opinion that: [Please put ✓ Mark]

- A) The thesis be accepted for the award of Ph.D. degree in its present form
- B) The thesis be revised and resubmitted
- C) The thesis be rejected

Note:- The thesis can be accepted for the award of Ph.D. Degree only if the candidate secures 50% or more points in Part-I (Detailed Evaluation).

Dated :Signature of the Examiner



Format of Examiner's Report on Revised Thesis
Recommendation on Revised Ph.D. Thesis

Name of the Candidate :

Title of the Thesis :

Please give your specific recommendation by ticking (b) any one of the following, with signature underneath and enclose your detailed report on separate sheet(s) with your signature, name and address.

The thesis be accepted for the award of the Ph.D. degree

OR

The thesis be rejected. (Please enclose your comments).

Place :

Date :

Signature of the Examiner.....

Name and Address of the Examiner

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Encl: Detailed report on separate sheet(s).

**Annexure – H**

Table – 1
Fees Structure for Ph.D. Programme for
Full-Time Research Scholars

S. No.	Particulars		
I.	Fees payable only once at the time of Admission:		
	1.	Enrollment Fee	50
	2.	Admission Fee	
	3.	Laminated Identity Card	
	4.	Alumni Association Fee	
	5.	Training and Placement Fee	
	6.	Library Caution Money*	
	Total		
II.	Annual Charges Payable at the beginning of Each Year (In the month of July for candidates admitted for July-December session and in the month of January for those admitted for January-June session):		
	1.	Research Fee	
	2.	Library Fee	
	3.	Laboratory Fee	
	4.	Reprographic Facilities / Publications Fee	
	5.	Faculty Development Fee	
	6.	Premium for Group Medclaim Insurance Policy	
	7.	Cultural Activities & Literature Fee	
	8.	I.T. Gymkhana Fee	
	9.	I.T. Day Fee	
	Total		
III.	Fees Payable at the time of Submission of Thesis:		
	1.	Examination Fee	
	2.	Charges for Dispatching the Thesis	
	Total		

* Refundable at the time of leaving the College in accordance

** To be deposited at the time of dispatching the thesis as per actual charges.



TABLE – 2

Fees Structure for Ph.D. Programme for the External Part-Time Research Scholar†

S.No.	Particulars	(Rs.)
I.	Fees payable only once at the time of Admission in the Institute:	
1.	Enrollment Fee	
2.	Admission Fee	
3.	Research Fee	
4.	Alumni Association Fee	
Total		
II.	Fees Payable at the time of Submission of Thesis:	
1.	Examination Fee	
2.	Charges for Dispatching the Thesis	
Total		

† This fee structure is for the external part-time research scholars, only during the period of their stay in their parent organization. During their stay in the University, they shall pay the normal fee as per Table – 1.

** To be deposited at the time of dispatching the thesis as per actual charges.



Table – 3

Fees Structure for Ph.D. Programme for the Candidates who are Teachers of the Autonomous College

S. No.		Particulars		
I.	Fees payable only once at the time of Admission:			
	1.	Enrollment Fee		
	2.	Admission Fee		
	3.	Alumni Association Fee		
Total				
II.	Fees Payable at the time of Submission of Thesis:			
	1.	Examination Fee		
	2.	Charges for Dispatching the Thesis		
Total				

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**Appointment of Two External Examiners to evaluate the thesis
for the
Degree of Ph.D.**

Name of the Candidate	:
Term of Registration	:
CHOTANAGPUR LAW COLLEGE RANCHI	
Topic of Research	:

Name of examiners recommended by the Research Advisory Committee at its meeting held on .

(A) Indian Examiners but outside Ranchi (at least FOUR)			
1.	Name : Address : City : PIN : e-mail : Tel. : FAX :	4.	Name : Address : City : PIN : e-mail : Tel. : FAX :
2.	Name : Address : City : PIN : e-mail : Tel. : FAX :	5.	Name : Address : City : PIN : e-mail : Tel. : FAX :

<p>3. Name : Address :</p> <p>City : PIN :</p> <p>e-mail :</p> <p>Tel. :</p> <p>FAX :</p>	<p>6. Name : Address :</p> <p>City : PIN :</p> <p>e-mail :</p> <p>Tel. :</p> <p>FAX :</p>
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Note:

1. RAC should send FOUR names of Indian examiners covering all the regions of the country EXCEPT RANCHI and also FOUR names of experts from foreign universities.
2. Complete postal address including the name of the City / Country in which the Department / university is located Pin / Zip Code, e-mail and Fax / Phone number must also be sent for obtaining quick consent from the experts. In case of e-mail ID please ensure that the same is written LEGIBLY or types correctly.
3. In the case of retired person position held by the examiners at the time of retirement should be clearly mentioned while giving his residential address.

For the use of the Dean of the concerned Faculty:

S.No.: approved from panel of Examiner's from India.

Signature of the Dean (along with seal)
Controller of Examinations

(B) Foreign Examiners (if required)			
1.	Name :	2.	Name :
	Address :		Address :
	Country PIN :		Country PIN :
	ZIP :		ZIP :
	e-mail :		e-mail :
	Tel. :		Tel. :
	FAX :		FAX :

Signatures of the RAC Members	
1.	4.
2.	5.
3.	6.

Chairman, RAC

Certified that:-

1. All the Examiners are / has been of the designation of Professor / Associate Professor;
2. All the addresses are complete including PIN / ZIP code;
3. All the addresses are official or where the address is not official, the position held by the addresses is clearly stated;
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