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Circular

Subject: Digitization of backdated Ph.D Theses of University of Kashmir

This is in continuation to our earlier circular regarding the above cited subject. As all of us are aware that Theses and dissertations are known to be the rich and unique source of information, often the only source of research work that does not find its way into various publication channels. The UGC Notification (Minimum Standards & Procedure for Award of M.Phil. /Ph.D Degree, Regulations, 2009) provides mandatory submission of electronic version of Theses and Dissertations by the Researchers in universities with an aim to facilitate open access. Indian theses and dissertations to the academic community world-wide. Online availability of electronic Theses through centrally-maintained digital repositories will not only ensure easy access and archiving of Indian doctoral theses but will also help in raising the standard and quality of research.

As per the Regulations, the responsibility of hosting, maintaining and making the digital repository of Indian Electronic Theses and Dissertations (called **Shodhganga**), accessible to all institutions and universities, is assigned to the Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat by UGC which is an Inter-University Centre of UGC. Shodhganga stands for the reservoir of Indian Intellectual Output stored in a repository hosted and maintained by INFLIBNET Centre.

It gives us immense pleasure to inform that Allama Iqbal Library, University of Kashmir has been sanctioned a Project titled "**Digitization of Theses under Shodhganga Project**" by University Grants Commission (UGC) under which a good number of backdated Ph.D Theses available in Allama Iqbal Library shall be digitized. However, it may be pointed out that most of the Ph.D/M.Phil. theses pertaining to various Departments/Centres have not been forwarded to Allama Iqbal Library from time to time.

Accordingly, Allama Iqbal Library has initiated the process of collection of backdated Ph.D Theses from various Departments/Centres of University of Kashmir to complete the digitization project within the stipulated time.

All the Heads/Directors of the Departments/Centres of University of Kashmir are once again requested to kindly direct their Librarian/Professional/In-charge Library to compile bibliographical details of all the **Ph.D Theses submitted upto the year 2009** which shall cover *Name of the Ph.D Scholar, Name of the Guide/Supervisor, Title of the Thesis, Year of submission and Department* and send the list to the undersigned. Later on, the selected Theses shall be taken to Allama Iqbal Library for digitization and returned back to the respective department after the digitization process. A digitized copy of each Thesis shall be provided to the respective department/Centre after the process is complete.

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