



Doctor of Literature (D. Litt.) Degree
Ordinance—2025
of
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State University, Chitrakoot,
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Ordinance for the Degree of Doctor of Literature (D.Litt.)

Effective from Session 2025–26

1. Title of the Ordinance

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1. Short Title

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2. Application

This Ordinance shall apply to all candidates seeking admission to the **D.Litt. (Doctor of Literature)** degree programme in all faculties and departments of the University from the academic session **2025–26 onwards**.

3. Commencement

This Ordinance shall come into effect from the **academic session 2025–26** following its approval by the Academic Council and the Executive Council of the University.

4. Definitions

Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the meanings assigned to them:

- a. “University”** means *Jagadguru Rambhadracharya Divyang State University, Chitrakoot, Uttar Pradesh*.
- b. “D.Litt.”** means *Doctor of Literature*, a post-doctoral academic degree awarded for original and outstanding contributions to a particular discipline.
- c. “Candidate”** means an individual who applies for admission and is registered for the D.Litt. programme under this Ordinance.



- d. “**Ph.D.**” means *Doctor of Philosophy*, a doctoral degree awarded by a recognized university.
- e. “**Supervisor**” means a recognized faculty member or researcher of the University or an approved expert, under whose guidance the D.Litt. work is carried out.
- f. “**D.Litt. Committee**” means a duly constituted committee as per Clause 8 of this Ordinance, responsible for screening, recommending, and overseeing the D.Litt. research work.
- g. “**Thesis**” means the scholarly work submitted by the candidate for evaluation, fulfilling the academic criteria for the award of the D.Litt. degree.
- h. “**Academic Council**” means the Academic Council of the University as defined in the University Act.
- i. “**Executive Council**” means the Executive Council of the University as defined in the University Act.
- j. “**External Examiner**” means a recognized academician or expert not affiliated with the University, appointed to evaluate the D.Litt. thesis.
- k. “**Session**” means the academic year as notified by the University.

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5. Objectives

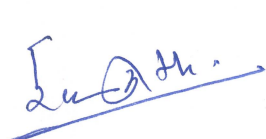

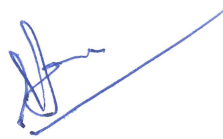
The degree of Doctor of Literature (D.Litt.) shall be awarded in recognition of original and significant contributions to a discipline. The objectives are:

- To promote excellence in advanced academic research.
- To recognize established scholars for their substantial contributions.
- To strengthen the Indian Knowledge System through academic innovation and reflective scholarship.

6. Eligibility for Admission

A candidate shall be eligible to apply for admission to the D.Litt. programme if:

- The candidate holds a **Ph.D. degree** in the concerned or allied subject from a recognized university.
- The candidate has at least **five years of teaching/research experience** after obtaining the Ph.D. degree.
- The candidate has **published a minimum of ten research papers or books** (of which at least five should be in reputed refereed or peer-reviewed journals).
- The candidate is not currently pursuing any full-time academic degree programme.



7. Admission Procedure

- The notification for admission to the D.Litt. programme will be issued by the University as per the academic calendar.
- The candidate shall apply in the prescribed format along with:
 - a) Proof of qualifications and experience
 - b) List of publications with copies
 - c) A **detailed synopsis (about 10–15 pages)** of the proposed work
 - d) Recommendation letters (if required)
- An **Admission Committee**, constituted by the Vice-Chancellor, will evaluate the application and synopsis.
- Eligible candidates will be **invited for an interview/presentation** before a D.Litt. Committee.

8. D.Litt. Committee

A D.Litt. Committee for each discipline shall be constituted comprising:

- a) The Vice Chancellor (Chairperson)
- b) Dean of the Faculty concerned
- c) Two external experts of D.Litt./Ph.D. standing
- d) Head of the Department (if applicable)
- e) One subject expert nominated by the Academic Council

9. Registration

Upon recommendation by the Committee, the candidate will be formally registered and shall be assigned a **Research Supervisor** who is a recognized professor or senior academic with D.Litt./Ph.D. qualifications and relevant publications.

10. Submission of Work

- a) The D.Litt. thesis shall be submitted **not earlier than one year and not later than three years** from the date of registration.
- b) The thesis must be an **original, independent and comprehensive work**, making a significant contribution to the subject area.
- c) It must not have been submitted for any other degree/diploma.

11. Format of Submission

The thesis must:

- a) Be written in English or Hindi (as per subject norms)
- b) Contain an abstract and introduction



- c) Include a critical review of literature
- d) Present original interpretations, findings, or contributions
- e) Be properly referenced and formatted
- f) Be accompanied by a declaration of originality

12. Evaluation of Thesis

- a) The thesis shall be evaluated by **three examiners**: one internal and two external (national/international), approved by the D.Litt. Committee.
- b) If at least two examiners recommend the award of the degree, a **public viva-voce** shall be conducted.
- c) The **viva-voce board** shall include the internal examiner, one external examiner (if available), and the Research Supervisor.
- d) In case of adverse reports, the thesis may be rejected or returned for revision.

13. Award of the Degree

- Upon successful viva-voce, the candidate will be recommended for the award of the **Doctor of Literature (D.Litt.)** degree.
- The recommendation shall be placed before the **Academic Council** and the **Executive Council** for final approval.

14. General Rules

- Plagiarism check is mandatory. The thesis must comply with the UGC norms on academic integrity and plagiarism.
- The University shall retain the right to publish or archive the approved thesis in its library or repository.
- The University reserves the right to withdraw the degree if misconduct or falsification is later discovered.

15. Interpretation and Amendments

- In case of any ambiguity in the interpretation of the rules, the decision of the Vice Chancellor shall be final.
- The University reserves the right to amend this ordinance from time to time in accordance with academic and regulatory needs.

Prepared by:

Academic Council, Jagadguru Rambhadracharya Divyang State University

Date:

Signature ML Signature



Jagadguru Rambhadracharya Divyang State University
Chitrakoot, Uttar Pradesh – 210204, India

(Research Directorate)

Application Proforma for Admission to the D.Litt. Programme (Session: 20)

Instructions:

1. Read the Ordinance/Regulations for the D.Litt. programme carefully before filling this form.
2. Type or write in BLOCK LETTERS. Strike out whichever is not applicable.
3. Attach self-attested copies of all supporting documents.
4. Include two printed sets plus one soft copy (PDF) on a USB drive.
5. Incomplete or unsigned applications will be rejected.

Section A (Personal Information)

1. Full Name (as on qualifying certificate): _____
2. Father's/Mother's/Spouse's Name: _____
3. Date of Birth (DD-MM-YYYY): -- _____ Age: _____ Years _____ Months
4. Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Other Nationality: _____
5. Category: ☐ UR ☐ SC ☐ ST ☐ OBC-NCL ☐ PwD (Attach certificate, if applicable)
6. Correspondence Address:
House/Street _____
City _____ District _____ State _____ PIN _____
Email _____ Mobile No. _____

Section B (Academic Qualifications)

Examination	Subject/Specialisation	University/Institute	Year	Div./CGPA	% Marks
B.A./B.Sc./...					
M.A./M.Sc./...					
M.Phil.*					
Ph.D.*					
Other					



Examination Subject/Specialisation University/Institute Year Div./CGPA % Marks

*Attach photocopies of degree certificates and mark sheets.

Section C (Teaching/Research Experience)

Designation	Institution/Organisation	From (DD-MM-YYYY)	To (DD-MM-YYYY)	Total Experience
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Section D (Research Publications) (Summary)*

Publication Type	Count
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Books authored

Edited books

Peer-reviewed journal papers

Conference papers

Book chapters

Other (public articles, patents etc.)

*Attach complete list of publications in APA/MLA format with copies/reprints.

Section E (Proposed D.Litt. Work)

1. Tentative Title of Thesis/Monograph:

2. Discipline/Area of Research: _____

3. Synopsis (10-15 pages) attached: ☐ Yes ☐ No

4. Brief Overview (200-300 words):

[Handwritten signatures and initials]



5. Objectives / Key Questions:

6. Methodology/Approach:

7. Expected Contribution to Knowledge/Society:

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Section F (Recommendation Letters) (if required)

Provide names and contact details of referees. Letters should reach directly to the Dean (Academics).

Referee No. Name Designation & Affiliation Email Phone

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Section G (Checklist of Enclosures) (✓ Tick)

- ☐ Proof of academic qualifications ☐ Experience certificates
☐ List & copies of publications ☐ Detailed synopsis (10-15 pages)
☐ Recommendation letters / Referees' details ☐ Proof of application fee payment
☐ Any other (enclose details) _____

Section H (Declaration by the Applicant)

I, _____, hereby declare that all statements made in this application and the documents attached are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any misrepresentation will lead to rejection of my candidature or cancellation of registration.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: //20

Place: _____

Section I (For Office Use Only)

Application No.: _____ Date Received: //20

Registration Fee Receipt No.: _____

Eligibility Verified: ☐ Yes ☐ No Remarks: _____

Scrutiny Officer (signature): _____ Date: //20

Dean/Head (signature): _____ Date: //20

Please retain a copy of this application for your own records.

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