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### **Ph.D PROGRAMME IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES**

#### **CIRCULAR TO REGISTERED SCHOLARS OF CESS IN COLLABORATION WITH**

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The Centre for Economic and Social Studies [CESS], Hyderabad in collaboration with Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University [Dr. BRAOU], Hyderabad has been organising Ph.D Programme in Development Studies from the year 1990 and has been continued till the year 2014. Students were admitted in the Programme every year during the above period.

After completion of the Course Work, the eligible scholars as per the Ph.D Regulations have registered along with their topic and supervisor for the Ph.D Thesis during the above period. Accordingly, many scholars have completed the research work and submitted the theses in the stipulated time period and about 110 scholars have been awarded the Ph.D Degrees. A few registered scholars could not submit their Ph.D thesis due to various reasons. In the year 2014, Dr. BRAOU discontinued its collaboration with CESS for organising the Ph.D Programme.

The scholars who have registered the topic but could not complete the research work and could not submit the thesis on time have been requesting the Director, CESS to permit them to submit the thesis as they have progressed in the research work. In a meeting of the Director, CESS with the Vice Chancellor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University it has been agreed in principle to allow registered scholars unable to complete the research work to submit their doctoral thesis, subject to the following guidelines:

1. Keeping in view the academic career of the Research Scholars, and considering the opinion of the Research Programme Committee (RPC) members of CESS and Director's request, the University is pleased to extend this opportunity as one-time measure to all the registered candidates to submit their thesis who are actively pursuing their research work. The timeline for submission of PhD theses is **31<sup>st</sup> March 2026**.
2. The quality of research work should not be compromised, and all the requirements of the Ph.D Programme such as seminar presentations and so on are to be strictly followed.
3. Candidates who are registered can submit their thesis on the same topic and with the same research supervisor, failing which their admission and registration with the CESS and Dr.BRAOU stands cancelled forever.

4. In order to ensure the final submission of thesis by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026, the entire process of research work including presentation of Three Seminars should be completed strictly by **31<sup>st</sup> January 2026**.
5. No concessions or deviations in the above conditions will be allowed or entertained under any circumstances.

**In view of the above, all the Ph.D Scholars who have Registered the Topic with the Centre for Economic and Social Studies, Hyderabad in collaboration with Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad are hereby informed to communicate the following details:**

1. Admission Details – Year of Admission, Admission Letter, Fee Payment Receipts
2. Course Work Completion Details – Memorandum of Marks
3. Registration Details – Topic of Research, Research Proposal, Registration Order, Name and Designation of Research Supervisor, Details of Presentation of Seminars
4. Relevance and Progress of the Research Work certified by the Research Supervisor and willingness to continue for Guidance and supervision of the research work
5. Latest Address of the scholar – Address for Correspondance, E-Mail ID, Mobile Number

The above details are required to be sent to the “Programme Coordinator, CESS, Hyderabad, E-Mail: [research@cess.ac.in](mailto:research@cess.ac.in)” on or before **30<sup>th</sup> August 2025**. All the Documents are to be sent by email only. The scrutiny of the ‘Eligibility to complete thesis work’ will be done according to above criterion. Only those scholars found eligible will be considered for submission of their PhD thesis without compromising on quality of research work.

Date: 11 August 2025

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