PhD proposal-screening (Interview) related instructions

1. The Applicants who have passed the PhD Entrance Test conducted by TNNLU and also the Applicants who were exempted from it (i.e. the UGC/NET/JRF qualified) **shall be required to present their PhD proposals before the Research Committee on <u>10.01.2022 & 11.01.2022.</u>**

2. In the interview, the Research Committee will assess the PhD Applicants' presentation on their research proposal for 50 marks.

3. The said assessment will be based on the following parameters:

   (a) Applicant's ability in presenting and defending the research proposal (10 marks);

   (b) research aptitude of the Applicants (as evidenced by research publications and papers presented in conferences in the subject area) (5 marks);

   (c) the research methodology adopted (10 marks);

   (d) the viability of the topic of research (5 marks);

   (e) (i) whether the Applicant possesses the competence for the proposed research (1 mark); (ii) whether the research work can be suitably undertaken at the TNNLU (1 mark); and (iii) whether the proposed area of research can contribute to new/additional knowledge (3 marks); and

   (f) the academic performance and records of the Applicant as well as the interdisciplinary design of the research proposal (15 marks).

4. The Applicants are expected to present the following:

   I. Explain (a) why the applicant has chosen the topic, and (b)why it needs to be done in the way it has been proposed, explain the methodology that is proposed to be used and the viability of the proposed research.

   II. Briefly expound the theoretical or conceptual framework – highlight the theoretical concepts and principles and philosophical assumptions underpinning the study; and/or variables impacting the research questions and their inter-relationships.

III. describe research design and methods and demonstrate that these are adequately developed, well-integrated and appropriate to the aims of the research. Explain the interdisciplinary perspectives to be used.

IV. Ethical, intellectual property, and safety considerations – identify any such issues relevant to the project and how these will be addressed, and any potential problems likely to impede and suggest solutions to these problems.

5. The Applicants shall make an oral presentation on the PhD proposal for 15 minutes and in the next 10 to 15 minutes, the panel may ask questions or give necessary feedback to the Applicants at the end of the presentation.

6. The Applicants are encouraged to use PowerPoint Presentations (not more than 5 slides) to highlight the key aspects of their research proposal.

7. The Applicants are expected to be persuasive, professional and respectful throughout the interview. Any use of impolite and unparliamentary language by the Applicant will result in the summary disqualification of his/her applications without assigning any reason.

8. The CISCO WEBEX platform will be used for the interview.

9. The IT Support of TNNLU will be emailing the meeting link to all the applicants.

10. The Applicants are requested to take note of the allotted timing for their interview and to join the CISCO meeting 10 minutes before their actual allotted time. No second chance will be given to the Applicants on missing the allotted time of the interview.