

GUIDELINES FOR M.PHIL STUDENTS FOR PREPARATION OF DISSERTATION

Dissertation is an important component of the M.Phil programme under Berhampur University. Students are advised to give equal weightage to theory papers and dissertation. Dissertation preparation in M.Phil in Tribal Studies is mostly based on field work i.e. the field work must be for about 30 days. Students are required to follow the following guidelines in course of preparation of dissertation.

1. Do have a preliminary discussion with the supervisor or guide and get suggestion about writing of a synopsis on the topic selected.
2. write the synopsis and show it to the supervisor and after his correction keep the prepared synopsis with you, submit one copy to the Director, COATS and give one to the guide. The synopsis so written must be countersigned by the supervisor.
3. Read all available literature necessary for writing your dissertation and also take the advice of supervisor for further readings.
4. Prepare the questionnaire with the help of your guide before proceeding for field survey. Questionnaires must be prepared keeping in view the objectives of the study. Keep one copy of the questionnaire with the guide which has been approved by him.
5. After completion of field survey show all the field-in-questionnaire forms to the guide and take advice about the procedures of posting, tabulation and analysis of the data.
6. Try to have as many sittings as possible with the guide in course of report writing process and correct all chapters thoroughly by your guide before submission.
7. Most important thing is to see that the objectives you have taken and hypothesis which have followed from them are properly answered in the main chapters (i.e. chapters on findings and conclusion).
8. Submit the dissertation in time in COATS' Office for onward transmission to the University.

Director, COATS

Copy to M.Phil Supervisors for information.

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