VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY

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West Bengal, INDIA.

Ref.No.: VU/R/Ph.D/998/2026 Date : 12.08.2026

NOTIFICATION

It is hereby notified for general information that, as decided by the Board of Research Studies (BRS) of Vidyasagar University in its Second Meeting held on 10.07.2026, vide Misc. Item No. I, based on the recommendation of the Director, Research & Development Cell, Vidyasagar University, **the prescribed format enclosed herewith shall henceforth be used as the Recommendation Letter for applying for the D. Litt. / D. Sc. degree**.

All concerned are hereby informed accordingly.

This Notification is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

13/08/26

(Dr. J. K. Nandi)
Registrar

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1. *The Deans of the Faculties concerned;*
2. *The Heads of all Academic Departments, with a request to circulate the same among all faculty members of their respective departments;*
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6. *The Secretary to the Vice-Chancellor, for kind information of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.*

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Certificate of Expert Recommendation for Application to the Degree of Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) / Doctor of Literature (D. Litt.)

This is to certify that I am familiar with the academic and research contributions of **Dr./Prof.** _____, presently serving as _____ at _____.

I have examined the major research publications and scholarly contributions of the candidate in the field of _____. In my opinion, the research work carried out by Dr./Prof. _____ over the years represents **substantial, original, and sustained contributions to the advancement of knowledge in the concerned discipline**.

The publications of the candidate appearing in reputed peer-reviewed journals and other scholarly outputs indicate a **high standard of scientific research and academic scholarship**. The body of work produced by the candidate demonstrates **maturity, originality, and impact**, which are expected from researchers seeking the **Doctor of Science (D.Sc.)/ Doctor of Literature (D.Litt.) degree**, a higher doctoral degree awarded for distinguished contributions to a discipline.

On the basis of the above considerations, **I recommend that Dr./Prof.** _____ **may be permitted to apply for the Degree of Doctor of Science (D.Sc.)/ Doctor of Literature (D. Litt.) of Vidyasagar University in accordance with the regulations of the University.**

This recommendation is made to the best of my knowledge and judgment.

Place: _____
Date: _____
Signature of the Expert: _____
Name of the Expert: _____
Designation: _____
Department & Institution: _____
Address: _____

Email / Contact No.: _____

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Guidelines for the Expert Recommendation Letter

The recommendation should be prepared on the official letterhead of the expert's institution and should preferably address the following points.

1. Introduction of the Referee

The expert should provide:

- Full name, designation, department, and institutional affiliation.
- A brief description of his/her expertise and standing in the relevant discipline.
- A statement confirming competence to evaluate the candidate's scholarly work.
- The nature of professional acquaintance with the candidate, if any, together with a declaration that the assessment is impartial and objective.

2. Purpose of the Recommendation

The recommendation should clearly state that it is being submitted in support of the candidate's application for permission to submit research work for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Science (D.Sc.)/Doctor of Literature (D.Litt.) of Vidyasagar University.

3. Brief Introduction of the Candidate

The expert may briefly mention:

- Name of the candidate.
- Present designation and institutional affiliation.
- Area(s) of specialization.
- Duration of research experience after obtaining the Ph.D. degree.

4. Familiarity with the Candidate's Research

The expert should indicate:

- How he/she became familiar with the candidate's research (published papers, books, conference presentations, academic interactions, professional collaborations, etc.).
- The extent to which the candidate's research publications and scholarly outputs have been examined.

5. Summary of Research Contributions

The recommendation should include comments on:

- The major areas of research pursued by the candidate.
- Significant scientific or scholarly contributions.

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- Research publications, books, monographs, patents, technologies, or other scholarly outputs.
- Contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the discipline.

6. Originality and Significance of the Research

The expert should evaluate:

- The originality and novelty of the research.
- Development of new concepts, methodologies, theories, or innovative approaches.
- The extent to which the work has advanced the frontiers of knowledge in the discipline.

7. Quality and Standard of Scholarly Publications

Comments may include:

- Publication in reputed peer-reviewed journals or recognized academic publishers.
- Consistency in producing high-quality research.
- Academic rigor, scientific merit, and overall quality of the published work.

8. Academic Impact and Recognition

Where appropriate, the expert may comment on:

- Scholarly impact of the research.
- Citation record and influence on subsequent research.
- National and international recognition.
- Awards, invited lectures, collaborations, or other indicators of academic distinction.

9. Sustained and Distinguished Research Contributions

Since the D.Sc./D.Litt. is a higher doctoral degree recognizing sustained scholarly excellence, the expert should comment on:

- Continuity and consistency of research over an extended period.
- Development of an independent and coherent research programme.
- Leadership and long-term contribution to the discipline.

10. Overall Assessment and Recommendation

The expert should provide a clear concluding statement indicating:

- Whether the candidate's published work satisfies the standards expected for the award of the D.Sc./D.Litt. degree.
- Whether the research contributions are substantial, distinguished, and worthy of consideration by the University.
- A clear recommendation supporting the candidate's application for permission to submit the work for evaluation for the award of the higher doctoral degree.

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