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PhD Admission Notification for the Academic Year-2026-27

The Central Institute of Buddhist Studies invites applications from eligible candidates for Full Time/ Part-Time PhD programmes to be admitted for the Academic Session 2026-2027. The candidates can download the application forms from CIBS website and submit the hardcopy with the Examination Department within 21 days from the date of this notification. The form shall be filled in every respect. The candidature of the applicant shall be considered, provided he/she fulfills the criteria mentioned below.

- I. Admission to the PhD programme at CIBS is available on the following subjects: Bhot Bauddha Darshan, Sanskrit Bauddha Darshan, Bhoti Literature, Sanskrit Literature, Comparative Philosophy and Bauddh Puranic History.
- II. **Eligibility criteria for admission to the PhD Programme**
 1. A candidate seeking admission to the PhD programme must have completed:
 - (a) A 4-year/8-semester Bachelor's Degree Programme having Honours with Research and a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or an equivalent CGPA on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed *or*
 - (b) A 1-year/ 2-semester Master's Degree Programme with a minimum of 55% marks in aggregate or an equivalent CGPA on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed *or*
 - (c) A 2-year/4-semester Master's Degree Programme after a 3-year Bachelor's Degree Programme or qualifications declared equivalent to the Master's Degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or an equivalent CGPA on a point scale wherever grading system is followed *or*
 - (d) Obtained equivalent qualification as stated above from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or

any other statutory authority in that country to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of the educational institution.

2. Candidates who have completed the M.Phil. programme prior to the Academic Session 2022-2023 with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent CGPA on a point scale wherever grading system is followed or have obtained equivalent qualification from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country to assess, accredit or assure the quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to the PhD programme.

3. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent 0.5 grades may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/ Differently-Able and Economically Weaker Section (EWS). **Note: The eligibility marks of 55% (or an equivalent CGPA on a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and the relaxation of 5% or 0.5 CGPA to the categories mentioned above are permissible based only on the qualifying marks without including the grace marks, if any.**

4. Candidates who have qualified Research Entrance Test (RET) conducted by CIBS or National Eligibility Test (NET: all Categories) conducted by the UGC or State Level Eligibility Test (SLET) accredited by UGC or any other test conducted by the Central/ State Government are eligible for registration into PhD Programme.

NB: The validity of NET [Category II and Category III vide Public Notice No.F.4-1 (UGC-NET Review Committee)/2024 (NET)/140648 dated March 27, 2024], SLET and RET is acceptable only for one year from the date of publication of their results.

5. Candidates having passed their Acharya from CIBS shall be given preference for Admission into Ph.D. programme. After that, if any seat remains vacant shall be allotted to other candidates.

6. All Full-Time Teachers of CIBS after completion of their Probation Period are eligible for registration to the PhD Programme.

7. Foreign students sponsored by the Government of India agencies like ICCR, Ministry of Education etc., through Nehru Fulbright Scholarship and similar fellowships etc., or sponsored by their respective Governments/Embassies are also eligible for registration to the PhD Programme.

8. Non-Resident Indians (NRIs)/Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs)/ Foreign Students interested to carry on their PhD Programme at CIBS through self-financing mode are also eligible, provided that they possess the minimum qualifications stated above and obtain **No Objection Certificate** from the Govt of India through the respective Indian Embassies/ Consulates/ High Commissions operational in their countries.

III. Direct Entry to the Ph.D. Programme:

1. "Direct Entry to the PhD Programme" means candidates under this category are exempted from taking any kind of Test. However, they have to give a presentation before the Interview Board on the area of their interest for doing research.

2. Candidates who qualify for Direct Entry to the PhD Programme are:
 - (a) All Full-Time Teachers of CIBS after the completion of Probation period.
 - (b) Foreign students mentioned at **Clause II.6** above.
 - (c) Candidates who have cleared Tests such as UGC-NET/ UGC- CSIR NET/ GATE/ CEED/SLET.
3. To maintain the ratio of 70 (Written Test): 30 (Interview) in the case of Direct Entry to the PhD Programme, the following method shall be adopted in place of Written Test:
 - (a) Experience Certificate mentioning the teaching ability, depth of subject knowledge, institutional involvement, conduct etc., of the Full-Time Teacher of CIBS obtained from the Competent Authority shall be taken into account.
 - (b) For foreign students the Marks Sheet / Result of any Test for Fellowship/ Recommendation Letter of Govt Agencies mentioned above shall be considered.
 - (c) The result of Tests such as UGC-NET/ UGC- CSIR NET/ GATE/ CEED/SLET shall be accepted as the Written Test.

IV. Methods of Admission:

Admission to the PhD programme shall be made using the following methods:

1. A relaxation of 5 % marks will be allowed in the entrance examination for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) /Differently-Able Category and Economically Weaker Section (EWS) as per CIBS PhD Regulations-2024. Despite the above relaxation, if the seats allotted to the above categories remain unfilled, CIBS shall launch a Special Admission Drive, for that particular category within one month from the date of closure of admissions. After the period of Special Drive expires, the seats may be allotted to students of General Category.
2. Foreign students other than those mentioned at Clause II.6 above, who are desirous of doing PhD through self-financing mode also have to take RET conducted by CIBS and secure minimum 50% marks to be eligible for admission to the doctoral programme.
3. CIBS may decide the number of eligible candidates to be called for an interview based on the merit list prepared after RET, taking into account other candidates qualified for direct entry (**Clause VIII of CIBS PhD Regulations-2024**) and the number of PhD seats available.
4. For the selection of candidates based on the UGC-NET/UGC-CSIR NET/GATE/CEED/SLET/ and RET conducted by CIBS, a weightage of 70 % for the Entrance Test and 30 % for the performance in the interview shall be given.
5. Sixty percent (60%) of the total vacant seats available at the time of advertisement shall be filled from among NET/JRF qualified students and the remaining forty percent (40%) from among RET qualified students conducted by CIBS. However, candidates from other categories can be requisitioned to fill up the vacant slots in either category, if remain, in the order of merit, following the reservation norms.

V. Research Entrance Test (RET) to Ph.D. Programme:

1. Research Entrance Test (RET) shall be conducted for those subjects/allied subjects in which NET/ SLET or any other national level test is not available. A candidate possessing the minimum qualifications with the requisite percentage of marks/ grade as prescribed above shall be eligible to appear in the RET.

2. The eligible candidates willing to appear in the RET for PhD Programme shall download the Application Form from the website of CIBS and duly filling, submit the hard copy to the office of the Controller of Examination of CIBS on or before 3rd May 2025. The candidate in General category has to pay the requisite fees of ₹1000/. A candidate belonging to SC/ST/Differently Able/EWS/OBC (Non-creamy layer) has to pay the requisite fees of ₹700/. However, if a candidate desires of taking RET in two subjects, he/she shall have to pay extra fees of ₹1000/ or ₹700/ according to their category.

NB. If a candidate fails to submit the application form within the stipulated time, he/she can submit the same by 11th June 2026 with an additional late fee of ₹500/ for General Category and ₹300/ for other categories.

3. The RET shall be conducted at Central Institute of Buddhist Studies, Choglamsar, Leh Ladakh.

4. The syllabus of the RET shall consist of 50% of research methodology (Section 'A' and 'B') and 50% of subject specific (Section 'C'). The Test shall be of three (3) hours duration, consisting of 100 Multiple-Choice Questions (MCQs). However, if a candidate desires of taking RET in two subjects, he/she shall be allowed extra 1.5 hours in addition to primary 3 hours.

5. **Section 'A'** will consist of 20 MCQs of general nature to test the research aptitude such as logical and analytical thinking, quantitative ability, language skills, computer awareness, general knowledge etc., of the candidates. **Section 'B'** will consist of 30 MCQs to test the knowledge of research methodology. These questions shall be mandatory for all the candidates taking the Test in all the disciplines and shall be based on the subjects taught at undergraduate level (4 year/8 semester Bachelor's Degree) or at Post Graduation Level (2 year/ 4 semester Course). **Section 'C'** shall consist of the remainder 50 MCQs which shall be of specialized nature and discipline specific. The candidate shall be required to answer only one such set of 50 questions corresponding to the subject of his/her qualifying degree or to the subject of PhD in which he/she wants to get admission. These questions shall be of post-graduate level in the subject concerned.

6. Three (3) marks shall be awarded for each correct answer. The questions not attempted shall be awarded zero marks. However, there shall not be any negative marking.

7. No scrutiny/ re-evaluation of the answer books of the written test shall be allowed.

9. The minimum qualifying marks will be separately taken into account as follows: for General Category candidates: 50% aggregate marks and for Reserved Category candidates: 45% aggregate marks in both written examination and viva voce.

9. For qualifying in the RET, a candidate shall have to secure a minimum of 150 Marks in General Category and 135 Marks in the Reserved Category. However, CIBS reserves the right to modify the minimum qualifying marks depending on the requirements/ circumstances.

10. If a candidate is an applicant and also eligible for admission to PhD Programme in a Department different from the one in which he/she has obtained the qualifying degree, he/she shall appear in the RET conducted by CIBS, Leh and shall attempt the questions corresponding to the subject in which he/she wishes to do PhD. In case of any difficulty, the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) concerned will consider the case. The decision of RAC in this regard would be communicated to the Vice Chancellor whose decision would be final. However, such decision(s) shall not become a precedence to be followed.

NB: If the candidate has qualified for UGC-NET in an allied subject, he/she can apply for Ph.D. programme in a subject that has no NET and he/she need not take the RET conducted by CIBS. The decision of the Equivalence Committee of CIBS shall be final and binding in this matter.

11. The Examination Department of CIBS shall prepare the merit list of the candidates who have qualified in all the required components of RET and in other required aspects as mentioned in these regulations for the admission to the PhD Programme. The result of RET will be valid for one year from the date of declaration of the result.

12. The Examination Department of CIBS shall also prepare a separate merit list of the candidates who are eligible through tests such as UGC-NET/ UGC- CSIR NET/ GATE/ CEED/SLET.

13. The applicants who are found eligible shall have to appear before the Interview Board. The Examination Department of CIBS shall issue notification in this regard and conduct the same.

14. The candidates are required to discuss their research interest/area through a presentation before the duly constituted Interview Board which shall also consider the following aspects, whether:

- (a) The candidate possesses the competence for the proposed research.
- (b) The research work can be suitably undertaken at CIBS.
- (c) The research topic is relevant and contributory to the society or the nation.

15. The Examination Department shall publish the merit list of such qualified scholars on the website of CIBS.

VI. At the time of Registration for a Part-Time PhD Programme at CIBS, all the Part-Time Research Scholars (both Internal & External) must submit a “**No Objection Certificate**” issued by the Competent Authority of their respective organizations where he/she is employed, clearly stating that:

- (i) The candidate is permitted to pursue the PhD Programme on a part-time basis.
- (ii) His/Her official duties permit him/her to devote sufficient time for research.

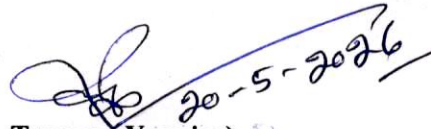
(iii) He/She will be relieved from the duty for the period required to complete the Course Work at CIBS.

VII. Allocation of Research Supervisors:

1. All the regular faculty members of CIBS having Ph.D/ Geshe/Khanpo Degrees are eligible for being Research Supervisors.
2. A Research Supervisor/Co-Supervisor who is a Professor, at any given point of time, cannot guide more than **Eight (8)** Ph.D. scholars. An Associate Professor as Research Supervisor can guide up to a maximum of **Six (6)** Ph.D. scholars and an Assistant Professor as Research Supervisor can guide up to a maximum of **Four (4)** Ph.D. scholars. The number of candidates in the case of a Co-Supervisor will be counted half for each Ph.D. scholar being co-supervised, i.e., if someone acts as Co-Supervisor for two Ph.D. scholars, it will be considered as one for all practical purposes in the case of allocation on his/her part.

VIII. General Instructions:

- In case of any grievance or dispute the decision of CIBS shall be final and binding on all.
- Scholarship shall be granted as per CIBS rules in vogue.
- It is the responsibility of the applicant to fulfill the eligibility conditions and comply with the admission requirements. If at any stage, it is noticed that a false claim has been made by the candidate or important material facts have been concealed and/or the candidate is not eligible, his/her candidature shall be liable for forfeiture.
- Incomplete applications without required documents or applications submitted after the due date will be rejected without assigning any reason thereof and no correspondence will be entertained by CIBS in this regard.
- The Entrance Examination will be conducted in Bhoti, English and Hindi languages.
- In case of any confusion / clarification, CIBS PhD Regulations-2024 uploaded in the institute's website may be consulted.


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