



Faculty Development Program



Title : Ph.d. Roadmap: Guidelines for DC meetings, Comprehensive Viva, Colloquium and Oral Exam

Date : 2026-03-24 - 2026-03-24

Time : 11:45 - 13:15

Venue : TT 728

Event Outcome

- Participants will gain good insight of their critical milestones in completing their PhD Program



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1. Profile of Uma Shankar M

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The PhD program at Vellore Institute of Technology, follows a structured academic pathway designed to ensure rigorous research training, periodic evaluation, and high-quality scholarly output. This Faculty Development Programme session titled PhD Road-map , Guidelines for DC Meetings, Comprehensive Viva, Colloquium and Oral Examination aims to provide a clear overview of the key milestones involved in the doctoral journey.

The session will outline the roles and responsibilities of the Doctoral Committee, emphasizing the purpose, preparation, and evaluation criteria of periodic DC meetings that monitor the progress of research scholars. It will also discuss the Comprehensive Viva as a critical stage that assesses the scholars depth of knowledge in the chosen research domain and readiness to proceed with advanced research. Further, the talk will explain the significance of the PhD Colloquium, where scholars present their research outcomes to the academic community for feedback and validation.

In addition, the FDP will highlight the procedures, expectations, and best practices associated with the Final Oral Examination PhD Viva Voce, including thesis evaluation, examiner roles, and presentation guidelines. By providing practical insights, institutional guidelines, and recommended timelines, this session will help faculty members and research supervisors effectively guide scholars through each stage of the doctoral process. Ultimately, the programme aims to strengthen research supervision practices and ensure a smooth, transparent, and high-quality PhD progression at VIT

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