## **CIRCULAR**

Sub:- Directorate of Research -Ph.D. Preliminary Qualifying Examination Paper III- Research Ethics & Publication- Exemption from Coursework- reg.

Ref :- 1.Letter D.O.No.F1.1/2018((Journal/CARE)dated December, 2019 recieved from Prof. Rajnish Jain, Secretary, University Grants Commission.
2.U.O.No. 2508/2020/Admn dated 24.02.2020
3.Letter No STC/RPE/UoC/2020/1 dated 6th October, 2020, recieved from the Principal St Thomas' College Thrissur
4.Orders of the Vice Chancellor in the file even no dated 12.12.2020

The UGC had made it mandatory for all the Ph.D. Research Scholars vide letter cited 1<sup>st</sup> under reference to undertake two Credit Courses for awareness about publication ethics and publication misconducts and to make the paper entitled "Research and Publication Ethics (RPE)" compulsory for students who have started the course work on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 and the same has been implemented by this University vide Order cited 2<sup>nd</sup>.

In this regard the Principal St Thomas college, Thrissur, while informing vide letter cited 3<sup>rd</sup> that the Research Council and Department of Library and Information Studies of their College jointly organised an online course on Research and Publication Ethics during 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020 - 05<sup>th</sup> October 2020 strictly adhering to the Course Contents, credits as prescribed by the UGC guidelines, has requested to exempt the successful participants from attending Paper -3, Research and Publication Ethics, in the Ph.D course work.

Considering the matter in detail, sanction has been accorded by Vice Chancellor to exempt the candidates who have successfully completed online course on Research and Publication Ethics conducted by St. Thomas College Thrissur in association with the Directorate of Research, University of Calicut from attending course work on submitting the certificate issued by the College . It has further been orderd that <u>all the candidates will have to appear for the Preliminary Qualifying Examination for Paper III-Research and Publication Ethics (RPE)" conducted by the University of Calicut.</u>

All the Heads of the Research Centres are, therefore, informed the matter and are thereby requested to conduct the course work for Paper III-Research and Publication Ethics (RPE)", at their respective Reserach Centres, for the candidates who have not attended the online course conducted by St. Thomas College Thrissur, strictly following the UGC Guiidelines.

The all the Head of Research Centres