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FOREWORD

Acharya N.G Ranga Agricultural University is offering Post Graduate Courses in the Faculties of Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering and Technology and Home Science for developing trained manpower to suit to the present day requirements of agricultural education, research and extension. During their programme, students should document their research findings and present their findings in a manner consistent with publications in journals or books. The thesis should reveal the student's ability to analyse, interpret and synthesize information; acknowledge prior scholarly publications in related aspects; describe the methods and procedures used; present results in a sequential and logical manner; and display the student's ability to discuss fully and coherently the meaning of the results. The University felt it is necessary to bring out the updated thesis guidelines to guide the post graduate students in writing their dissertation.

I am confident that this publication will be more useful to the students during the preparation of their theses. I congratulate the Dean of Post Graduate Studies and the committee constituted for this purpose on updating the thesis guidelines of the University with all the amendments and bringing out in book form.

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A thesis is an outcome of the research work done and documented systematically by the post graduate students. This comprises of the results of the original research work done, presented and discussed in easily understandable language. The results are supported with the data collected during the investigation duly applying some statistical procedure and interpreted to draw a meaningful inference and arrive at some conclusions. Thesis should have definite purpose of the work with clear objectives and methodology/scientific procedures adopted/followed in conducting the research work. This forms the crucial part where the wisdom of student and advisory committee prevails. Proper guidelines are necessary to bring uniformity in bringing out thesis submitted by the students across the disciplines/faculty. This serves as ready reference and comes handy for the students as well as faculty to present their research work in a well structured format.

The thesis guidelines are being amended from time to time and brought out for use duly incorporating the necessary changes thoughtfully discussed and agreed by the committee formed for the purpose. This exercise was first done by the academic visionary Dr. K. V. Raman, the first Dean of Post Graduate Studies and got printed in 1981. Later, Dr. A. Rama Mohan Rao, the notable Dean of Post Graduate Studies and his team revised it in 1989. The third edition was brought out in 2010 by Dr. Shaik Mohammad, the distinguished Dean of Post Graduate Studies to help the student to prepare the thesis.

In view of the advances in scientific report writing, changes adopted in guidelines for thesis presentation, implementation of plagiarism policy by the University as per UGC 2018 regulations etc., it is felt necessary to revise the guidelines. I express sincere thanks to the members of the committee constituted for revising the thesis writing guidelines comprising Dr. J. Krishna Prasadji, Dean of Agriculture, Dr. S. R. Koteswara Rao, Dean of Student Affairs and Dr. T. Srinivas, Professor (Academic & Education) for their efforts. I acknowledge Dr. T. V. Sridhar, Associate Professor who played a crucial role in assisting the committee and bringing out this booklet in its present form.

Date 25-02-2019

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GUIDELINES FOR THESIS PRESENTATION

These guidelines are to be followed carefully.

In case of any deviation, the thesis shall be returned to the student for resubmission after necessary revision.

1. GENERAL

The guidelines deal with the presentation of a thesis and similar documents which fall within the definition of the term "Thesis".

1.1 Definition: For the purpose of these guidelines, a thesis or a dissertation is a statement of investigation or research presenting the author's findings and any conclusions reached, submitted by the author in support of his/her candidature for a higher degree, professional qualification or other award.

A Ph.D thesis must demonstrate the originality and ability of the student for an independent investigation and the results of the research must constitute a contribution to knowledge. The thesis must exhibit the students' mastery over the literature on the subject and familiarity with its sources.

A M.Sc. thesis must demonstrate the student's familiarity with the tools of research, scholarly analysis in their major field and ability to present the results of their investigation effectively.

- **1.2 Copyright:** The University shall reserve the right to make available or to allow the thesis to be copied in whole or in part without any reference to the author for study and reference purposes subject to normal conditions of acknowledgement. In all other cases, the copyright rests with the author.
- 1.3 Publication of the Thesis: Whenever any material from the thesis is published, a footnote shall always be given stating that the thesis has been submitted for a Post-Graduate/ Doctoral degree of the University. The publication should comply with the Plagiarism Policy of the University. (Appendix-A)
- **1.4 Submission of the Thesis:** The thesis shall first be submitted in a paper- bound form (green color for Agriculture faculty, maroon color for Agricultural Engineering & Technology and blue color for Home Science faculty) and after the viva-voce it shall be hard bound in same colors with embossing in golden letters and submitted as per the guidelines. No substitute covers and colors shall be used. The thesis published from student rearch should comply with the Plagiarism Policy of the university. (Appendix-A)

1.5 Number of Copies: The hard-bound thesis shall be submitted in **triplicate** (three copies) along with CDs in PDF format, of which one each shall be kept available in Central Library, Campus Library and Department Library.

2. PARTS AND ARRANGEMENT

The thesis should normally consist of various sections viz., (1) Preliminaries (2) Text and (3) End matter. The names of these parts are only to facilitate the arrangement of various sections and they are not to be indicated as headings. The sections falling under each of the parts are arranged in the thesis in the following sequence:

2.1 Preliminaries:

Title page

Declaration

Certificates

Acknowledgements

List of contents

List of tables (if any)

List of illustrations (if any)

List of symbols and abbreviations

Abstract

2.2 Text:

Introduction

Review of literature

Material and Methods

Results and Discussion

Summary and Conclusions

2.3 End matter

Literature cited

Appendices

3. COVER

3.1 Binding: The thesis shall be fully rexin bound within boards of sufficient rigidity to support the weight when placed on the shelf in the prescribed colour green or maroon or

blue color (as specified at 1.4). The leaves of the thesis shall be permanently secured to the cover by sewing, in such a way that the leaves can be turned easily and the text clearly read up to the extreme left margin. Materials like maps, oversized charts, computer printouts, etc., shall be reduced in size by xeroxing. Guards in the form of butter paper for plates, if any, should be provided.

- 3.2 Cover Title: The outside front board shall bear the title of the thesis in 24 point type in Times New Roman font. The title shall be in upper case with bold letters except scientific names. Scientific names shall be in italics with first alphabet of genus in upper case. The title shall spell out acronyms, abbreviations and symbols. The initials and name (24 point type in bold) of the candidate (as registered at the time of PG admission) with highest qualification (16 point type in bold), the degree (18 point type in bold) and discipline (16 point type in bold) for which the thesis submitted, the University emblem (2.5 cm diameter) and the year (24 point type in bold) of submission shall be given as depicted in Appendix-C. The cover material shall be clear of any other lettering.
- **3.3 Spine Title:** The spine of thesis shall bear in at least 24 point type, name, degree and year of submission. The printing on the spine shall be along the length side when the volume is lying flat.

4. PAPER, TYPOGRAPHICAL DETAILS AND MECHANICAL CONVENTIONS

- **4.1** Paper: Executive bond white paper of A4 size (210 x 297 mm) should be used.
- 4.2 Typing: Type characters shall not be less than 12 point with Times New Roman font. However, subscript, superscript and if essential, tables shall not be less than 8 point type in Times New Roman font. Typing should be of even quality with clear black characters. The text part, tables and graphs can be printed on both sides of the paper including tables. Plates shall be printed on one side of the paper only. Copies produced by Xerox or comparably permanent process are acceptable. Illustrations should be minimised and repititions of data presantations should be avoided.

4.3 Margins:

The left side margin shall be 4 cm wide and the top, bottom and right side margins shall be 2 cm wide.

4.4 Spacing: A spacing of 1.5 lines shall be used in type script except for quotations of footnotes where single line spacing can be used. Spacing in abstract shall be in single line space.

Pagination:

- **4.5.1 Preliminary Pages:** These shall be numbered with lower case Roman numerals i.e. i, i, iii, iv, v, vi, etc. at the bottom centre of the page.
- **4.5.2 Text:** The text pages shall be numbered with Indo Arabic numerals consecutively through out the thesis including the appendices, photographs, diagrams, etc. at the bottom right corner of the page at final submission.
- **4.5.3 Position of Page Numbers:** Page numbers shall be located at the **lower** corner of the page approximately 2 cm from the right edge. Page numbers shall be given without a period or brackets. For pages with landscape setup, the page numbers shall be indicated in the same position as all other page numbers in the main body of the thesis (vertical when bound as depicted in Appendix-B).
- **4.6 Chapter Heading (First level heading):** Every chapter in body of the manuscript shall begin with a new page. Chapter should be numbered with Roman numerals and the chapter heading shall be placed in capitals with 20 point in Times New Roman font. It should be centred on five 1.5 line spaces below the top edge of the page.
- **4.7 Chapter Title:** The chapter shall have title with 18 point in Times New Roman font and must be centred at 1.5 space below the chapter heading, capitalized throughout.
- **4.8 Paragraphs:** The text should begin with two 1.5 space lines below the chapter title. A paragraph indention of eight spaces shall be used. Subsequent pages of the text should begin 2 cm below from the top of the page. No page should end with the beginning of a paragraph from the previous page i.e. less than one full line in length.
- **4.9 Sub-heading within chapters:** Theoretically any number of sub-heading levels are possible, but in practice more than three levels are confusing. All sub-headings and numbers shall have left alignment.
- **4.9.1 Centre Heading (Second level heading):** This heading shall be in bold capitals and placed at 1.5 space below the last line of the previous section with 18 point in Times New Roman font. The text following this heading should appear in regular paragraph form. The heading preceded by the number shall be typed flush with the left margin.
- **4.9.2 Side Heading (Third level heading):** This heading in bold shall be placed at 1.5 space below the last line of the previous section with 14 point in Times New Roman font. Initial letters of words except articles and prepositions (other than at the beginning) should be in capital: The text following this heading should appear in regular paragraph form. The heading preceded by the number shall be typed flush with the left margin.

- **4.9.3 Run-on-Heading (Fourth level heading or paragraph heading):** The initial letters of the words except for articles, conjunctions and prepositions should be in capital. The heading should be preceded by the number in bold with 12 point in Times New Roman font. It must be followed by a colon and the text should follow immediately on the same line.
- **4.9.4 Numbering of Divisions:** The structural elements (Headings) shall be numbered as 1, 2, 3 and subdivided as 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, etc. Further sub divisions may be as 1.1.1, 1.2.1, etc. Only Arabic numerals shall be used. A full stop shall be placed between numbers designating subdivisions of different levels. At the end, no full stop shall be placed.
- **4.10 Mechanical Conventions:** The conventions listed in the CBE (Commander of the Order of the British Empire) Style Manual (1972) should be followed for punctuations: full stop, ellipsis, comma, semicolon, question mark, numbering, illustrations, diagrams, etc.
- **4.11 Decoration:** No ornamentation or bordering of the sides shall be permitted.

5. WRITING THE THESIS

5.1 Style of Writing: The thesis should be written in the past tense, passive voice and in the third person. The guidelines given by the CBE (Commander of the Order of the British Empire) Style Manual should be followed. For referral purpose, the latest Webster's New International Dictionary should be followed.

5.2 Transliteration:

When quotations, authors names, and titles of works have originally appeared in a non-Roman alphabet, the information should be transliterated into Roman alphabet for use within the text.

- 5.3 Illustrations: Ilustrations should immediately follow the textual reference on the following page. They shall be numbered chapter wise. For example, the second figure in chapter Ill shall bear the number as Figure 3.2. The caption shall be placed at the bottom of the figures with the initial letter in capital and shall maintain a single space separating the figure and the caption. The caption should be single spaced closed by a full stop. Photo print or Art paper should be used for printing of photographs. Photographs shall not be pasted directly in the thesis
- **5.4 Tables:** Tables longer than half a page shall be placed on a separate page. Shorter tables should be placed on the page with the text above or below. A table running longer than one page may be continued on two or more pages by indicating the continuation e.g.

Table 3.2 (cont.). The tables shall be numbered chapter wise. For example, the second table in chapter III shall bear the number as Table 3.2. The table number shall end with a full stop without any other punctuations both in the text and table title. The title shall be placed above the table following single space separating the table and the title. The first letter of the title is capitalized and single spaced in sentence form. A table is closed with a horizontal line and footnote (if any) pertaining to the table shall be placed below in single line space. (Appendix-B).

- Yield shall be indicated in kg ha⁻¹ without any decimals.
- In a table, the decimals shall be uniform either one or two or three for all the values.
- Certain parameters e.g. Plant height more than 60 cm, Days to 50 % flowering, Days to maturity shall be rounded to the nearest number.
- **5.5 Citations:** In citing works in the text, the following system (author, year) shall be followed. **Similar system shall be followed in the text of synopsis also.**

e.g. Rakholiya (2015), Reddy (1985), Sharma (1999)

Madhuri and Sagar (2016), Matheron and Porchas (2005), Panda and Chaudi (2003)

Alan et. al. (2000), Bhan et. al. (2000), Geervani et. al. (1996)

(Bhoraniya et al., 2002), (Charde et al., 2002), (Kumar et al., 2014)

(Prasad et al. 2010., Ali, 1996., Anderson, 1997 and Rakholiya and Jadeja, 2017)

For the citation of an institutional publication such as Annual Report Committee Report, Statistical Bulletin etc., the organization shall be treated as the author.

e.g. World Health Organization report indicated that in East Pakistan, every dollar invested in malaria control from 1963 to 1966 saved an average of \$1.48 in labour and improved health standard (WHO, 1968).

6 PRELIMINARY PAGES

6.1 Title page: The title page shall be the first page of the thesis and it should consist of the following statements as depicted in Appendix-D

Title : Times New Roman font, bold with 20 point
Author Name : Times New Roman font, bold with 16 point
Author's qualification : Times New Roman font, bold with 12 point
Submission statement : Times New Roman font, bold with 14 point

Degree : Times New Roman font, bold with 18 point
Discipline in brackets : Times New Roman font, bold with 14 point
Name of the Chairperson : Times New Roman font, bold with 14 point

Emblem : 2.5 cm diameter

Imprint : Times New Roman font, bold with 14 point

- **6.1.1 Title:** The title of the thesis should be self explanatory and give an idea about the content of the thesis. It shall be placed near the top of the page in capital letters in bold. The subtitle, if any, shall follow the title after a colon in the same line. If the title exceeds one line, an inverted pyramid format shall be followed as far as possible without splitting the words in each line Appendix-C and D).
- **6.1.2 Name of the Author:** The name of the author in capitals with bold should follow the title in the upper half of the page preceded by the word 'By' centred in a separate line. The name of the author (as registered at the time of PC admission) shall be given followed by only the highest academic qualification.
- **6.1.3 Submission Statement:** The submission statement indicating that it is a thesis submitted to the University in partial fulfilment of the requirement of a degree with discipline (to be indicated), shall be placed between the name of the author and the name of the Chairperson.
- **6.1.4 Name of the Chairperson:** The name of the Chairperson in bold capital letters shall follow the submission statement.
- **6.1.5 Imprint:** It should follow the emblem and consist of the Name of the Department and the College where the candidate is studying followed by the year of submission. No full-stop shall be used at the end of any statement.
- **6.2 Certificates of Approval:** The Certificates of approval, one by the Chairperson of the Advisory committee (Appendix-E) and the other by the Advisory committee shall be as given in the proforma (Appendix-F for M.Sc. and Appendix-G for Ph.D., respectively).
- **6.3 List of Contents:** The titles of the chapters followed by literature cited and appendices along with page numbers shall be listed in sequence as depicted in Appendix-H.
- **6.4 List of tables:** The list of tables with page numbers shall be given in the order in which they occur in the text. The titles of the tables shall be given exactly as they appear in the text.
- **6.5 List of Illustrations:** The list of illustrations such as photographs, maps graphs, diagrams and statements or depictions with page numbers shall be given in the order in which they occur in the text. The captions of illustrations shall be given exactly as they appear in the text.

- **6.6 Acknowledgements:** Acknowledgements shall be a brief note for technical and financial (institutional only) assistance received by the candidate during his/her research work and preparation of thesis from organizations and individuals. It shall not exceed two pages. It shall not contain nick names and statements of dedication. Acknowledgements for paid services shall be avoided
- **6.7 Declaration:** The author shall indicate in a declaration, any material contained in the thesis which he/she has used or published before as depicted in Appendix-I and J. If the thesis is based on joint research, the nature and extent of the author's individual contribution shall be indicated.
- **6.8 Abbreviations:** A key to abbreviations and acronyms used shall be provided. For an abbreviation not in common use, the term shall be given in full at first instance followed by the abbreviation in brackets. For the titles of the periodicals, only full title should be given and no abbreviation shall be used.
- 6.9 **Abstract:** It shall be written as Abstract in capital letters (in Times New Roman font with 18 point and bold) as depicted in Appendix-K. There shall be an abstract of the thesis in about 500 words in single line space. The abstract shall be preceded by the name of the author, title, degree to which it is submitted and the particulars of faculty, department, chairperson, University and year of submission. The abstract shall be condensed but informative covering the essential points of the investigation. It shall include the nature and scope of the research undertaken, brief methodology of investigation, conclusions and contributions made to the knowledge of the subject treated.
- **6.10 Dedication:** The thesis being a formal presentation for the award of a degree, it shall not be dedicated to any individual or organization.

7. TEXT

The text of the thesis shall be divided normally into five chapters viz., (1) Introduction (2) Review of Literature (3) Material and Methods (4) Results and Discussion and (5) Summary and Conclusions.

- **7.1 Introduction:** It shall be written as Chapter I (in Times New Roman font with 14 point and bold) followed by Introduction in capital letters (in Times New Roman font with 18 point and bold) as depicted in Appendix K. The introduction should briefly state the lacunae in the subject and the gaps the thesis attempts to fill up. The background and purpose of the investigation should be indicated. The objectives of the investigation shall be clearly mentioned without classifying them as general and specific objectives.
- **7.2 Review of the Literature:** It shall be written as Chapter II (in Times New Roman font with 14 point and bold) followed by Review of Literature in capital letters (in Times New Roman font with 18 point and bold) as depicted in Appendix-K. The review of

literature shall provide background information to aid the investigator in analysing and formulating the thesis work. The past research findings should be critically examined with reference to the objectives of the investigation. Review of literature shall be up to date and include only those works that have been published, scheduled for publication or deposited in libraries as theses/dissertations. The sources of information are cited by following the Author and Year system as given in 5.5.The model for writing review of literature in PG-3 form i.e., synopsis is presented in Appendix-L.

7.3 Material and Methods: It shall be written as Chapter III (in Times New Roman font with 14 point and bold) followed by Material and Methods in capital letters (in Times New Roman font with 18 point and bold) as depicted in Appendix-K. This chapter should present the techniques, material and methods adopted for conducting the investigation and experiments. The statistical tools adopted for analysing the data shall be mentioned. The Agroeconomic features, descriptions of the study area and company profile for relevant departments shall be included. Methodological limitations or procedural weaknesses, if any, shall be given. If any improvement or modification of the method over others has been done, it shall be mentioned.

The names of the insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, hormones, chemicals etc., shall begin with capital letter in the beginning of the sentence and thereafter with lower cap only. Trade names however, are to be indicated with capital letter (first letter) either at the beginning of the sentence or any where in the text. Certain crop names are being indicated without uniformity and therefore the crops mentioned below shall be indicated uniformly as Pigeonpea (Redgram), Chickpea (Bengal gram), Cowpea, Greengram, Blackgram, Soybean, Groundnut, Pearl millet, Finger millet etc.

- 7.4 Results and Discussion: It shall be written as Chapter IV (in Times New Roman font with 14 point and bold) followed by Results and Discussion in capital letters (in Times New Roman font with 18 point and bold) as depicted in Appendix-K. The results should be based on a careful consideration of experimental data. The experimental data should be subjected to appropriate statistical analysis for interpreting the results convincingly. The tables or, illustrations shall have to be considered for drawing conclusions. Data to be presented in tables and illustrations, shall be different from each other. The results shall be interpreted in relation to the reported findings clearly establishing cause-effect relationships. The discussions may include conjecture as to unexpected results, if any. Further, discussion shall be very critical and explicit. The findings are also variously referred to as generalizations, implications, inferences, recommendations for further research, if any.
- **7.5 Summary and Conclusions:** It shall be written as Chapter V (in Times New Roman font with 14 point and bold) followed by Summary and Conclusions in capital letters (in

Times New Roman font with 18 point and bold) as depicted in Appendix-K. This shall be the final chapter of the thesis. A brief report of the work carried out shall form the first part of the chapter. Conclusions derived from logical analysis presented in the results and discussion chapters shall be clearly spelt out. Scope for future work shall be stated lucidly in the last part of the chapter.

- 7.6 Publishing of Research Papers: While submitting the thesis for Ph.D. Degree, one published research article from research work has to be enclosed as an appendix.
- **8. Literature cited.** It shall be written as Literature Cited in capital letters (in Times New Roman font with 18 point and bold) as depicted in Appendix-K. Literature cited shall contain complete reference list, citing all the literature and other sources referred to in the thesis and appendices including websites arranged by the name of the author in alphabetic order as given in the Appendix-M. Individual reference entries shall not be split over two pages. Format and placement of reference citations shall be consistent throughout the thesis. Similar system shall be followed in the text of synopsis also.

The following information will be useful in citation (Literature cited). Whilst there are a number of citation styles, the commonality of presenting citations of different formats as indicated below shall be followed

In case of an institutional publication the name of the institution or organization shall be treated as the author. No entry will appear as an anonymous publication.

The main parts of a complete entry for a book are (i) Name(s) of author(s), (ii) Year of publication, (iii) Title of book in italics, (iv) Name and city of publishers. (v) Pages referred to in the book. An example is:

Larry P. Pedigo. 1996. *Entomology and Pest Management*. Prentice- Hall of India Pvt. Ltd.. New Delhi. 630-635.

Agrawal, R.L. 1980. *Seed Technology*. Oxford & IBH Publishing Co. Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi. 165-176.

Dhingra, O.D and Sinclair, J.B. 1995. *Basic Plant Pathology Methods*. CRC Press, London. 212-222.

Sometimes a book does not have a stated author. In such a case, use the title to start the entry. An example is

Facts on File Physics Handbook. 2nd ed.2006. New York, Facts on File Inc. 56

Sometimes books contain essays by a group of people, each author contributing one chapter or essay. (i) Name(s) of author(s), (ii) Year of publication, (iii) Title of the chapter (iv) Author(s) of the book, (v) Title of book in italics, (vi) Name and city of publishers. (vii) Pages referred to in the book. In such case it should be cited as

Parmar, B.S and Walia, S. 2001. Prospects and problems of phytochemical pesticides. In O.Koul and G.S. Dhaliwal (eds.) *Phytochemical Biopesticides*, Harwood Academic Publishers, Amsterdam. 133-210.

In case of a chapter in a proceeding:

Power, J.F and Biederbeck, V.O.1991. Role of cover crops in integrated crop production systems. In W.L. Hargrove (ed.) Cover crops for clean water. *Proceedings of International Conference*, Jackson, TN, USA, 9-11 April 1991. Soil and Water Conservation Society, Ankeny, IA.167-174.

The main parts of entry for an article in a periodical are (i) Name(s) of author(s) (ii) Year of publication, (il) Title of article, (iv) Name of Journal in italics with volume number and pages of the article.

Byrum, J.R and Copeland, L.O.1995. Variability in vigour testing of maize (*Zea mays* L.) seed. *Seed Science and Technology*, 23: 677-688.

Some journals/periodicals will have issue number in addition to volume number. In such of the cases the issue number shall be indicated in parenthesis after the volume number as shown below:

Shelke, V.B., Takale, G.R., Dahiphale, V.V and Shinde, V.S.1987. Effect of sowing dates on growth and yield of groundnut cultivars in *rabi* season. *Journal of Oilseeds Research*. 4 (2): 271-274.

The main parts of entry of a website are (i) Name of the institute, (ii) Title of the article/information/web page in italics and the URL

American Chemical Society. *Polyvinyl alcohol*.30 April 2007. http://www.cas.org/motw/polyvinylalcohol.html.

Note that the title of the web-page should be italicized.

The first line of the references starts from the margin and the subsequent lines continued from the fifth letter (space) of the above line. Each reference is single spaced: a double space should be provided between individual references:

If there are several references with different titles by the same author, the name(s) of the author(s) are to be typed again.

More than one publication of the same author in the same year, a small alphabet shall be mentioned at the year as mentioned below.

Sheldrake, A.R and Narayanan, A. 1979a. Growth, development and nutrient uptake in pigeonpea (*Cajanus cajan* Milsp.). *Journal of Agricultural Sciences*. 92: 513-526.

Sheldrake, A.R and Narayanan, A. 1979b. Pigeonpea (*Cajanus cajan* Milsp.) as winter crop in peninsular India. *Experimental Agriculture*. 15:91-95.

Likewise the literature cited should follow the format and all the references shall be arranged alphabetically (as shown in Appendix-M) at the end after Summary and Conclusions chapter.

9. SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

The International Standards of Symbols and Abbreviations are to be followed as shown in Appendix-N.

10. APPENDICES

Any supporting material not included but referred to in the main text should be given as an appendix. Appendices shall follow the section "Literature Cited." The style of appendices shall be consistent with the style of the main text. If there is more than one, each appendix shall be given alphabetic designation such as appendix A, B, etc. and be titled. The format should follow the rules for chapter titles as shown in Appendix-K.

11. INDEX

The thesis shall not be indexed.

Appendix-A

ANTI-PLAGIARISM POLICY

(Approved as per the resolution number 2920 of 101 Academic Council of the University)

The following guidelines are proposed to eliminate the scope of plagiarism.

I. Percentage of Similarity Permitted in case of thesis/ dissertation:

The similarity of PG research will be checked at two stages i.e. at the synopsis stage and at the time of the submission of the final thesis.

i. At the synopsis stage: Before the submission of the final draft of synopsis, the proposal shall be run through prescribed software. The maximum permissible percentage of similarity allowed in the complete synopses of PG Students is up to 10 %.

The report of the synopsis and the thesis/dissertation/project report in PDF format generated using the software shall be duly signed by the Student, the concerned Advisor and the Head of Department. A Soft copy of these reports in PDF format should be submitted to Dean of PG studies along with the final synopsis.

ii. At the time of final submission of thesis/dissertation: The final draft of the thesis shall be run through the software before its submission to check for similarity. The maximum permissible percentage of similarity in the complete thesis of PG students is upto 10 %.

The report generated using this software shall be duly singed by the Student, the concerned Major Advisor and the Head of the Department. A CD of the report in the PDF format should be submitted to Dean of PG Studies along with the final thesis. Any thesis /dissertation/project report having similarity more than the prescribed percentage shall be reviewed by the researchers and the concerned advisor till it reaches the prescribed permissible percentage.

II. Percentage of similarity permitted in case of research publication: The final draft of the research article has to be run through the software before its submission to the publisher. The permissible percentage of similarity is upto 10 %.

III. Similarity Checks for exclusion:

The similarity checks for plagiarism shall exclude the following as per UGC (promotion of academic integrity and prevention of plagiarism in higher education institutions) regulations dated 23rd July, 2018.

- 1. All quoted works with all necessary permission and / or attributions
- 2. All references, bibliography, table of contents, preface, definitions and acknowledgments

3. All generic terms, laws, standard symbols and standard equations

The research work carried out by student, faculty, researcher and staff shall be based on original ideas which shall include abstract, summary, hypothesis, observations, results, conclusion and recommendations only and shall not have any similarities. It shall exclude a common knowledge or coincidental terms upto fourteen (14) consecutive words.

IV. Levels of Plagiarism:

Plagiarism would be quantified into following levels in ascending order of severity for the purpose of its definition:

- 1. Level 0: Similarities upto 10% (permissible-no penality)
- 2. Level 1: Similarities above 10% to 40%
- 3. Level 2: Similarities above 40% to 60%
- 4 Level 2: Similarities above 60%

V. Detection/Reporting / Handling of Plagiarism:

If any member of the academic community suspects with appropriate proof that a case of plagiarism has happened in any document, he or she shall report it to the Departmental Academic Integrity Panel (DAIP). Upon receipt of such a complaint or allegation, the DAIP shall investigate the matter and submit its recommendations to the Institutional Academic Integrity Panel (IAIP) of the University.

The authorities can also take suomotu notice of an act of plagiarism and initiate proceedings under these regulations. Similarly, proceedings can also be initiated on the basis of findings of an examiner. All such cases will be investigated by the IAIP.

VI. Penalties:

Penalties in case of plagiarism shall be imposed as per the UGC regulations, 2018. While allowing the thesis / dissertation for submission and research articles for publication, the maximum similarity limit indicated above will be followed.

Penalties in case of plagiarism in submission of thesis and dissertations

Institutional Academic Integrity Panel (IAIP) shall impose penalty considering the severity of the Plagiarism.

- i. Level 0: Similarities upto 10% (permissible)
- ii. Level 1: Similarities above 10% to 40% Such student shall be asked to submit a revised script within a stipulated time period not exceeding 6 months.

- iii. Level 2: Similarities above 40% to 60% Such student shall be debarred from submitting a revised script within a stipulated time period of one year.
- iv. Level 3: Similarities above 60% Such student registration for that programme shall be cancelled.
- **Note 1: Penalty on repeated plagiarism** Such student shall be punished for the plagiarism of one level higher than the previous level committed by him/her. In case where plagiarism of highest level is committed then the punishment for the same shall be operative.
- Note 2: Penalty in case where the degree /credit has already been obtained If plagiarism is proved on a date later than the date of award of degree or credit as the case may be then his/her degree or credit shall be put in abeyance for a period recommended by the IAIP and approved by the Head of the Institution.

Penalties in case of plagiarism in academic and research publications

- i. Level 0: Similarities upto 10% (permissible-no penality)
- ii. Level 1: Similarities above 10% to 40%
 - i. Shall be asked to withdraw manuscript.
- iii. Level 2: Similarities above 40% to 60%
 - i. Shall be asked to withdraw manuscript.
 - ii. Shall be denied a right to one annual increment.
 - iii. Shall not be allowed to be a supervisor to any new Master's, M. Phil., Ph.D. Student/scholar for a period of three years.
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 - i. Shall be asked to withdraw manuscript.
 - ii. Shall be denied a right to two successive annual increments
 - iv. Shall not be allowed to be a supervisor to any new Master's, M. Phil., Ph.D. Student/scholar for a period of three years.
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- **Note 2: Penalty in case where the degree /credit has already been obtained** –If plagiarism is proved on a date later than the date of benefit or credit obtained as the case may be then his/her benefit or credit shall be put in abeyance for a period recommended by IAIP and approved by the Vice-Chanceller.
- **Note 3:** University shall create a mechanism so as to ensure that each of the paper publication/ thesis/dissertation by the student, faculty, researcher or staff is checked for plagiarism at the time of forwarding/submission.
- **Note 4:** If there is any complaint of plagiarism against the Head, a suitable action, in line with these regulations, shall be taken by the Controlling Authority of the University.
- **Note 5:** If there is any complaint of plagiarism against the Head of Department/Authorities at the institutional level, a suitable action, in line with these regulations, shall be recommended by the IAIP and approved by the Competent Authority.
- **Note 6:** If there is any complaint of plagiarism against any member of DAIP or IAIP, then such member shall excuse himself/herself from the meeting(s) where his/her case is being discussed/investigated.
- **VII. Timeline:** This policy shall come into force on the synopses proposals from the first semester of the Academic Year 2019-20 and the final thesis/dissertation/project report submitted after **30**th **June**, **2019**.

Appendix B: Format for presentation of table in landscape mode

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Appendix-L:

Model guidelines for writing brief resume of work in PG-3 form (Synopsis)

BRIEF RESUME OR WORK DONE IN INDIA AND ABROAD.

Han *et al.* (2007) using two transgenic rice cultivars- KF 6 and II You KF 6 expressing *cry 1Ac* toxin and *CpTI* (Cow pea Trypsin Inhibitor) genes reported that the corrected mortalities of the rice leaf folder (RLF) on transgenic lines were > 90 per cent after 48 h and 100 per cent after 96 h of infestation. Further, it was also reported that the dynamics of RLF egg laying and larvae density in the field studies varied greatly among rice varieties during the growing seasons in 2005 and 2006. There was a significant difference in the percentage of plants with folded leaves in control and transgenic plants during the late season of development. The two transgenic lines, KF6 and IIYouKF6, also showed stable efficacy against RLF at all the developmental stages. Significantly less number of adults emerged in cages of KF6 and II You KF6 than those from control treatments with or without insecticide sprays.

Basher *et al.* (2004) reported the evaluation of transgenic basmati rice (B-370) under field conditions. Accordingly, transgenic lines expressing *cry* 1Ac and cry2A toxins showed ten per cent damage against Yellow Stem Borer (YSB) and one per cent damage against RLF without compromising any agronomic characteristic. Though the toxin titer declined substantially in all lines, these two lines still provided resistance against target insect pest at all the stages of plant growth, and persisted well within the limits needed to reduce the target insect pest infestations.

Chen *et al.* (2005) by designing a modified novel *cry* 2A gene on the basis of rice preference codons and introducing it into an elite indica rice restorer line Minghui 63 reported that the *cry* 1Ac transgenic line was completely resistant against lepidopteran pests. *Cry* 2A transgenic lines were 100 % immune to rice stem borers, though four transgenic lines highly resistant against first-instar larvae of yellow stem borer in a laboratory bioassay, indicating that resistance of *cry* 1Acrice is indeed superior to *cry* 2A rice atleast against rice stem borers, and *cry* 2A rice appears to be very effective against rice leaf folder.

Maqbool *et al.* (2001) introduced three insecticidal genes (the *cry* 1Ac and *cry* 2A, and snowdrop lectin gene gna) simultaneously into commercially grown indica rice varieties M7 and Basmati 370, by particle bombardment either singly or in combination. The toxin expression of the introduced genes was of the ranges 0.03-1 %, 0.01-0.5 % and 0.01 2.5 % of total soluble protein. It was reported that the transgenes showed stable transmission and expression, and R 1 transgenic plants provided significant protection against three insect pests, RLF (*Cnaphalocrocis medinalis*), YSB (*Scirpophuga incertulas*) and Brown Planthopper (BPH) Nilaparvata lugens. The triple transformants showed significantly higher resistance than the

single transformants with 100 per cent mortality of the rice leaf folder and yellow stem borer, and reduced the survival of the brown planthopper by 25 per cent.

Intikhab *et al.* (2000) evaluated the responses of various populations of YSB and RLF to purified toxins of *cry* 1Aa, *cry* 1Ab, *cry* 1Ac, *cry* 1C and *cry* 2A toxins and reported that the LC $_{50}$, values for *cry* 1Aa for RLF ranged from 31.37 ng/ml to 112.58 ng/ml and for *cry* 1Ab, *cry* 1Acand *cry* 2A the values were 16.35-91.67ng/ml, 26.04-50.21 ng/ml and 20.19-178.79 ngml respectively. *cry* 1Cwas the most effective against RLF with LC $_{50}$ of 8.74 ng/ml to 175.13 ng/ml.

Singh *et al.* (2009) evaluated the bioefficacy of native isolates of Bacillus thuringiensis against RLF and reported that out of the 22 isolates only three viz., BtK4, Bt C5 and Bt J showed more than 55 % larval mortality of RLF third instar larvae. Sub lethal effects like increase in the larval and pupal duration were also seen with a considerable decrease in the weights of the larvae and pupae with increase in the concentrations. The maximum larval mortality of 61.88 % was achieved due to Bt K4 isolate.

Karim *et al.* (1999) characterized 17 isolates of Bt from Pakistan by colony and parasporal inclusion morphology, SDS-PAGE, Western blot analysis to determine LC_{50} values against YSB and RLF. Immunoblotting results showed isolates synthesized entomocidal proteins belonging to *cry* 1A and *cry* 2A toxin groups. The LC_{50} , values of isolates, INS 1.13, INS 2.25 and NW 4.1 that were most potent towards YSB were, 29.83, 30.37, 24.77 ng/ml of toxin and that of isolates INS 2.25 and RL 4.8 that were effective against RLF were 57.37 and 73.09 ng/ml of toxin, respectively.

Han *et al.* (2008) established the baseline susceptibility of RLF to Bt toxins from 10 locations in China and reported that the LC_{50} values for second instar larvae of C mednalis to *cry* 1Ac and *cry* 1Ab were in the range of 3.77-208.22 mg a.i./l and 0.22-7.05 mg.a.i./l respectively. The relative ratios in susceptibility between the most susceptible and most tolerant populations were greater that 50-fold for *cry* 1Ac and 30- fold for *cry* 1Ab.

Using fourth instar larvae of RLF and Marasmia patnalis, collected from different locations of Tamil Nadu the LD_{50} and LD_{95} , values of chlorpyriphos, monocrotophos, phosalone, phosphamidon and quinalphos of the F_1 , population of RLF were estimated for evaluating the development of resistance to these insecticides. The LD_{50} values were 0.26377, 0.05165, 0.44345, 1.44641 and 0.06066 mg/larva respectively and the respective LD_{95} values were 1.43704, 0.47195, 2.52836, 7.11030 and 0.53028 mg/ larva. Based on the slope function and increased susceptibility, the common tentative discriminating doses (DD) suggested for *C.medinalis* and *M patralis* were chlorpyriphos 1.00 mg, monocrotophos 0.35 g, phosalone 1.9mg, phosphamidon 5.5 g and quinalphos 0.40 mg (Anbalagan and Regupathy, 2008).

Knowledge of the mechanism of resistance is important in order to prolong the usefulness of commercial products of Bt, including transgenic plants expressing Cryproteins. The best-characterized mechanism of resistance is the alteration of binding of Cry proteins to their midgut receptors. Protease mediated activation is the early step in the Cry toxin mode of action. It is a multi step process. Altered proteolysis may affect the rate of change in solubulization of crystals, rate of conversion of protoxin to toxin and further degradation of active toxin to non toxic low molecular weight proteins (Mohan and Gujar, 2003). Some resistant strains of Plutella interpunctella, P. xylostella, and $Heliothis\ virescens$ have been shown to have lost or have reduced the capacity of binding $cry\ 1A$ -type proteins. A different mechanism involves alterations in the gut proteinase activities that interact with Bt toxins and has been described in many insect pests. Absence of a major gut protease associated with $cry\ 1Ac$ protoxin activation was demonstrated in the 198 colony of P.interpunctella (Oppert, 1999), which had been selected with $B.thuringiensis\ subsp.entomocidus$ (HD198) and became resistant to $cry\ 1Ab$ and $cry\ 1Ac$.

Recent report indicates that resistance to Bt cry toxins is also associated with increased activity of midgut carboxylesterase activity. Hence it is important to monitor if any cross resistance is existing between Bt and synthetic insecticides in larvae of leaf folder. Except for the work of Singh *et al.*(2009) no work has been done on these lines. Hence the work on toxicity of Bt toxins on the establishment of baseline toxicity to *C. medinalis* is initiated.

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Appendix-N: Symbols and Abbreviations

The following abbreviations shall be used both for singular and plural units

Length

Mass

Nanogram ng Microgram μg Milligram mg Centigram cg Decigram dg Gram g Decagram dcg Kilogram kg Tonne t

Volume

μl Microlitre Millilitre ml Centilitre cl Decilitre dl 1 Litre dkl Dekalitre hl Hectolitre kl Kilolitre

Area

 $\begin{array}{cccc} mm^2 & : & Square \ millimeter \\ cm^2 & : & Square \ centimeter \\ m^2 & : & Metre \ square \\ km^2 & : & Square \ kilometer \end{array}$

ac : Acre ha : Hectare

Pressure

pa : Pascal

mPa : Mega pascal

Yield and rate

Kg ha-1:Kilogram per hectare1 ha-1:Litre per hectareT ha-1:Tonne per hectareMs-1:Metre per Second

M : Million
B : Billion
T : Trillion

Energy

J : Joule N : Newton

Wm⁻² : Watt per square metre

Electrical Conductivity

 Sm^{-1} : Siemen per metre dSm^{-1} : Decisiemen per metre

Concentration

Mgkg⁻¹(ppm) : Parts per million or milligram per kilogram

 $Emolekg^{-1}$: Centimole per kilogram

Plant Nutrient Conversion

P2 O5 x 0.437 : P K2Ox0.830 : K CaOx0.715 : Ca MgOx0.602 : Mg

Others

% : Percent

%C : Degree Celsius et al. : and others people

etc. : and so on; and other people/things

e.g. : for example, for instance

GA : Genetic Advance

GAM : Genetic Advance as per cent of Mean GCV : Genotypic Co-efficient of Variation

S² : Genotypic Variance

H : Heritability in Broad sense

No. : Number

OD : Optical Density

PCV : Phenotypic Co-efficient of Variation

 S_{P}^{2} : Phenotypic Variance Per se : As such with Mean

RPM or rpm : Revolutions per minute

Viz., : Namely Vs. : Against

a.i : Active ingredient

X : Grand Mean

SD : Standard Deviation ANOVA : Analysis of Variance

CRD : Complete Randomized Design
RBD : Randomized Block Design

LSD : Latin Square Design

DMRT : Duncan's Multiple Range Test

SEm : Standard Error of mean

CD (P=0.05%): Critical Difference at 5 percent level

r : Correlation co-efficient

 $egin{array}{lll} r_{g} & : & Genotypic correlation co-efficient \\ r_{p} & : & Phenotypic correlation co-efficient \\ \end{array}$

R : Multiple Linear Refression

R² : Co-efficient of Multiple Determination

MLR : Multiple Linear Refression

PCA : Principal Components Analysis

 \mathbf{H}_{0} : Null Hypothesis

H₁ : Alternate Hypothesis

A.M : Before noon P.M : After noon

Water Measurement:

m³ : Cubic metre

m³h-1 : Cubic metre per hour

ha-m : Hectare-metres

ha-cm : Hectare-centimetres

Cft : Cubic feet

WUE : Water Use Efficiency

AWHC : Available Water Holding Capacity

FC : Field Capacity
BD : Bulk Density
PD : Particle Density

PWP : Particle Wilting Point
IR : Irrigation Requirement

GIR : Gross Irrigation Requirement
NIR : Net Irrigation Requirement

WR : Water Requirement

 K_c : Crop efficient K_p : Pan Co-efficient

 K_v : Yield Response Co-efficient

ET : Evapo-transpiration

 ET_{C} : Crop Evapo-transpiration

PET : Potential Evapo-transpiration

CU : Consumptive Use

TMC : Thousand Million Cubic feet

Cusec : Cubic feet per second

ER : Effective Rainfall

CAD : Computer Aided Design

CPM : Critical Path Model

HDPE : High Density Poly Ethylene

HP : Horse Power

GIS : Geographic Information System

CADA : Command Area Development Authority

s : Second min : Minute h : Hour

J : Joule

kcal : Kilo Calories

ht : Height wt : Weight

IU : International Unit
 ARF : Amylase Rich Food
 BMI : Body Mass Index
 BP : Blood Pressure

DM : Diabetes Mellitus

GTT : Glucose Tolerance Test

PDS : Public Distribution System
PUFA : Poly Unsaturated Fatty Acids

UV : Ultra Violet



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