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The Central Library of the Delhi University Library System (DULS) stands as the custodian of the University's rich and enduring intellectual heritage. Among its most distinguished scholarly resources is the collection of doctoral theses, representing decades of original research, critical inquiry and academic endeavour undertaken across the University's faculties and departments. Entrusted with the preservation, organization and dissemination of these invaluable scholarly contributions, the Central Library safeguards a significant record of the University's research legacy. Each thesis embodies an individual journey of intellectual exploration while collectively reflecting the breadth, diversity and evolution of knowledge pursued within the University. The collection currently comprises **29,421 doctoral theses**, representing research across **85 academic departments**.

The doctoral theses preserved in the Central Library embody sustained intellectual inquiry and original scholarship across disciplines. They contribute significantly to the advancement of knowledge in the humanities, social sciences, sciences, commerce, law, education, and interdisciplinary studies. Each thesis stands as a testament to rigorous research carried out under the guidance of the University's esteemed faculty.

As part of its enduring commitment to documenting and showcasing the University's research output, DULS annually compiles and publishes a comprehensive volume titled *Doctoral Research*. This publication records the doctoral theses approved during the academic session and is traditionally released on the eve of the University's Annual Convocation, symbolizing scholarly achievement and academic distinction.

Volume 27 (2026) of *Doctoral Research* continues this established tradition. It presents a systematic record of the Ph.D. theses approved during the academic year 2026, serving as an important reference source for researchers, faculty members, policymakers,

and academic institutions. The volume reflects not only the intellectual vitality of the University of Delhi but also its sustained commitment to research excellence in an evolving global knowledge ecosystem.

The origins of this scholarly documentation trace back to 1957, when the Academic Council of the University resolved to initiate a publication titled *Abstracts of Theses*. The first volume was brought out in January 1964 on the eve of Republic Day by the Registrar of the University, containing abstracts of fifty doctoral theses selected from among the seventy works approved up to the academic year 1956–57.

A significant milestone in this journey was the publication of *Doctoral Theses 1972–82* in January 1984, issued in honour of the University's Diamond Jubilee, documenting 1,825 theses. This landmark compilation underscored the growing volume and importance of doctoral research within the University.

Recognizing the enduring scholarly value of systematically documenting research contributions, the University took a decisive step in 1986. Under the visionary leadership of Vice-Chancellor Professor Moonis Raza, the University revived and institutionalized the vision of a regular scholarly chronicle. It was ensured that, henceforth, a comprehensive catalogue of doctoral research would be published annually on the eve of the University's Convocation under the title *Handbook of Research Activities*. This initiative established continuity, regularity, and academic integrity in the documentation of doctoral scholarship.

In the new millennium, this initiative evolved into its present form as *Doctoral Research*, first published in the year 2000. Since then, the volume has been released annually, serving as a permanent and authoritative record of the University's research achievements.

Today, *Doctoral Research* stands as a testament to the University's longstanding tradition of academic rigor, innovation, and scholarly excellence. It not only preserves the intellectual contributions of its researchers but also facilitates knowledge dissemination,

future inquiry, and interdisciplinary engagement. The following volumes of the *Handbook* were published annually:

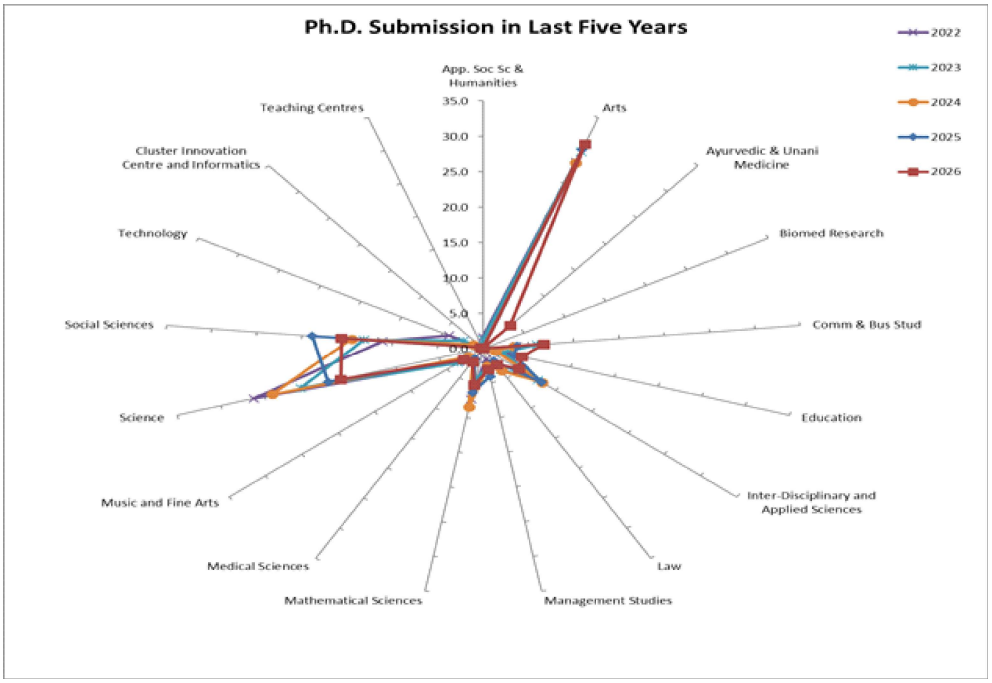
1.	Handbook of Research Activities	1986-87	127p.
2.	Handbook of Research Activities	1987-88	355p.
3.	Handbook of Research Activities	1988-89	331p.
4.	Handbook of Research Activities	1989-90	597p.
5.	Handbook of Research Activities	1990-91	545p.
6.	Handbook of Research Activities	1991-92	441p.
7.	Handbook of Research Activities	1992-93	357p.
8.	Handbook of Research Activities	1993-94	132p.
9.	Handbook of Research Activities	1994-95	191p.
10.	Handbook of Research Activities	1995-96	099p.
11.	Handbook of Research Activities	1996-97	188p.
12.	Handbook of Research Activities	1997-98	180p.
13.	Handbook of Research Activities	1998-99	119p.

The *Handbook* was superseded by *Doctoral Research* from the year 2000 and the following volumes of the New Series have appeared so far:

1.	Doctoral Research	Vol 1	2000	Ph.D. Theses : 351	174 p.
2.	Doctoral Research	Vol 2	2001	Ph.D. Theses : 113	197 p.
3.	Doctoral Research	Vol 3	2002	Ph.D. Theses : 228	285 p.
4.	Doctoral Research	Vol 4	2003	Ph.D. Theses : 208	256 p.
5.	Doctoral Research	Vol 5	2004	Ph.D. Theses : 256	234 p.
6.	Doctoral Research	Vol 6	2005	Ph.D. Theses : 209	255 p.
7.	Doctoral Research	Vol 7	2006	Ph.D. Theses : 181	282 p.
8.	Doctoral Research	Vol 8	2007	Ph.D. Theses : 203	295 p.
9.	Doctoral Research	Vol 9	2008	Ph.D. Theses : 301	341 p.
10.	Doctoral Research	Vol 10	2009	Ph.D. Theses : 247	298 p.
11.	Doctoral Research	Vol 11	2010	Ph.D. Theses : 353	360 p.
12.	Doctoral Research	Vol 12	2011	Ph.D. Theses : 357	428 p.
13.	Doctoral Research	Vol 13	2012	Ph.D. Theses : 330	371 p.
14.	Doctoral Research	Vol 14	2013	Ph.D. Theses : 366	380 p.
15.	Doctoral Research	Vol 15	2014	Ph.D. Theses : 475	297 p.
16.	Doctoral Research	Vol 16	2015	Ph.D. Theses : 468	364 p.
17.	Doctoral Research	Vol 17	2016	Ph.D. Theses : 627	350 p.
18.	Doctoral Research	Vol 18	2017	Ph.D. Theses : 516	336 p.
19.	Doctoral Research	Vol 19	2018	Ph.D. Theses : 578	337 p.
20.	Doctoral Research	Vol 20	2019	Ph.D. Theses : 516	407 p.
21	Doctoral Research	Vol 21	2021	Ph.D. Theses : 628	511 p.
22	Doctoral Research	Vol 22	2022	Ph.D. Theses : 675	532 p.
23	Doctoral Research	Vol 23	2023	Ph.D. Theses : 705	553 p.
24	Doctoral Research	Vol 24	2024	Ph.D. Theses : 737	657 p.
25	Doctoral Research	Vol 25	2025	Ph.D. Theses : 508	517 p.
26	Doctoral Research	Vol 26	2026	Ph.D. Theses : 613	623 p.

The Table and Figure below provides a bird's eye view of faculty wise Ph.D. Submissions in last five years.

Faculties	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
	Submission In %				
App. Soc Sc & Humanities	1.6	1.3	--	--	--
Arts	28.3	29.8	28.1	30.1	31.0
Ayurvedic & Unani Medicine	--	--	--	--	4.4
Biomed Research	--	--	--	--	--
Comm & Bus Stud	3.7	6.0	3.4	3.7	6.7
Education	2.8	2.3	1.4	3.5	4.4
Inter-Disciplinary and Applied Sciences	5.6	7.5	8.1	8.1	4.9
Law	2.7	3.7	3.8	2.2	2.8
Management Studies	1.6	2.7	2.6	4.1	3.1
Mathematical Sciences	7.4	4.7	8.5	6.5	5.4
Medical Sciences	1.5	2.1	2.2	1.8	2.3
Music and Fine Arts	3.3	3.5	2.0	3.0	2.8
Science	26.2	20.9	24.2	17.7	16.3
Social Sciences	11.1	13.2	14.5	18.9	15.7
Technology	4.15	2.41	1.22	0.39	0.33
Cluster Innovation Centre and Informatics	--	--	--	--	--
Teaching Centres	--	--	--	--	--
Total	**675**	**705**	**737**	**508**	**613**



The current Volume 27 of *Doctoral Research* covering for the year 2026 including the remaining Doctoral Reesearch of the previous year 2025-26 has been presented in the following table :

S. No.	Faculty	Previous Year Remaining	Current Year Ph.D
01	Applied Social Scs. & Humanities	01	03
02	Arts	46	132
03	Ayurvedic & Unani Medicine	--	14
04	Commerce and Business Studies	02	23
05	Education	--	12
06	Inter-Disciplinary & Applied Sc.	05	26
07	Law	06	10
08	Management Studies	03	04
09	Mathematical Sciences	04	18
10	Medical Sciences	03	05
11	Music and Fine Arts	04	03
12	Science	23	49
13	Social Sciences	23	72
14	Technology	01	03
	Total	**121**	**374**

I extend my deepest gratitude to numerous colleagues (acknowledged elsewhere in this volume) whose tireless dedication and unwavering commitment have brought this work to fruition in the span of a mere fortnight—a feat of no small measure. I humbly seek the forbearance of its readers and trust that they will graciously overlook any typographical imperfections that may have crept into its pages.

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