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### UGC considers scrapping rule on publishing research for PhD nomination with SP's support

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**NEW DELHI:** The University Grants Commission (UGC) plans to do away with the mandatory requirement of publishing research papers in peer reviewed journals for submission of PhD thesis, officials said.

The commission will allow higher education institutions to formulate their own rules and regulations on the matter. The reason for doing so is because many PhD students were resorting to publishing their articles in so-called predatory journals those that publish articles in return for a fee, without adequate due-diligence of the sort academic publications are

expected to ensure.

The commission is currently making amendments to the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D Degree) Regulations, 2016. Under the 2016 regulations, it was mandatory for PhD scholars to publish at least one research paper in a UGC referred or peer reviewed journal before the submission of the dissertation/thesis.

Under the new, 2022 regulations, the commission will replace the term mandatory with "strongly recommended".

"This mandatory requirement led to a "journal business" in India. Making anything mandatory does not improve the quality of research. Therefore, UGC is now considering doing away

with this requirement while strongly recommending research scholars to publish the research outcomes of their PhD in peer reviewed journals, apply for patents, and present in conferences," UGC chairperson M Jagadesh Kumar told HT.

Kumar said that the commission may now ask universities to frame their own guidelines.

HT reported on March 17 that the draft UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022, proposed several changes including making undergraduates who have been the four-year programme and with a minimum CGPA (Cumulative Grade Point Average) of 7.5 eligible for

PhD admissions. The draft was

made public in March seeking suggestions from stakeholders. UGC is now compiling the suggestions and finalising norms. Maushumi Basu, an associate

professor at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), said: "Firstly, the commission made the provision of allowing PG and now graduate students to take admission in PhD programmes directly, Now, it is also removing the mandatory requirement of having the research paper published before the submission of thesis. This will eventually compromise the quality of research. Leaving it up to the Universities to decide will not work because no University would like to take the responsibility for this," she

# Sibal quits Congress, files RS

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**NEW DELHI/ LUCKNOW:** The Congress party lost its third prominent leader in less than two weeks after former Union minister and eminent lawyer Kapil Sibal, a vocal critic of the Congress high command in the recent years, announced he resigned from the party nine days ago. Gujarat state Congress' working president Hardik Patel resigned on May 18 and former Punjab unit chief Sunil

Jakhar quit on May 14. On Wednesday, Sibal filed his nomination as an Independent candidate for a fresh term in the Rajya Sabha, supported by the Samajwadi Party. "I have filed nomination as an Independent candidate. I have always wanted to be an independent voice in the country. On May 16, I resigned from the Congress party," he said

after filing his nomination. "...He is an eminent lawyer and has effectively raised and discussed important issues in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. The country has many issues facing it and I hope he will effectively raise these in the Rajya Sabha," SP leader and former UP CM Akhilesh Yadav said. Congress general secretary KC Venugopal was quoted by ANI as saying: "People come and go from our party." Another senior leader who asked not to be named said Sibal's exit would be "zero loss" for the Congress, invoking the former minister's famous argument against the allegations of notional loss of ₹1.76 lakh crore in 2G spectrum allocation.

But Sibal, a member of the so-called G-23 grouping of 23 Congress leaders pushing for organisational and leadership change to stem the rot in the party, and who said last year that the grouping is not "Ji Huzoor-23" (his meaning was that they were not yes men) said: "I still say that we all hold to the ideology of Congress which is the ideology of an inclusive India. This is the ideology of the entire Opposition and we will move for-

Rajya Sabha term ends on July 4. According to people in the Congress, his primary membership of the party expired after he didn't

renew it earlier this year. Sibal, who started his Lok Sabha career in 2004, defeating the BJP's Smriti Irani in Delhi's Chandni Chowk, was the HRD minister when the landmark Right to Education law, making free education a right of every child between the ages of 6 and 14, was enacted. A senior Congress leader, however, argued that "the entire credit for RTE should go to the Sonia Gandhi-led National Advisory Council." Sibal's tenure also saw CBSE doing away with mandatory exams till Class 8.

Sibal served as a minister during the entire 10 years' tenure of the UPA government, shifting between several portfolios. He was also handed the telecom portfolio after A Raja was removed following the 2G scandal. As the Congress reeled under an all-round political attack, Sibal was one of the key leaders who fought back against the allegations.

Over the past two years, Sibal became a bitter critic of the Congress high command, especially Rahul Gandhi, questioning the functioning of the party amid its downfall. His public criticisms even provoked Congress president Sonia Gandhi to hit back. Sibal's links with the Samajwadi

Party go way back. He argued in January 2017 (during the Yadav family feud) at the Election Commission that Akhilesh Yadav should get the "bicycle" symbol. Last week, he represented sen-

ior SP leader and MLA Azam Khan in the Supreme Court, following which the apex court granted a two-week interim bail to Khan, who was in Sitapur jail for 27 months in several cases of cheating and land grabbing.

On Wednesday, Sibal, accompanied by Yadav, reached the UP Vidhan Bhavan around 12.10pm. While filing his nomination, Sibal was flanked by Yadav, SP state president Naresh Uttam Patel, SP national general secretary Ram Gopal Yadav, and 10 SP MLAs.

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[ INTERVIEW ] KAPIL SIBAL, FORMER CONG LEADER

### 'There's no question of joining other party'

oon after filing his nomination for the June 10 Rajya Sabha election, from a seat in Uttar Pradesh as an Independent, albeit one backed by the Samajwadi Party, Kapil Sibal announced that he had quit the Congress on May 16. This marks the exit of one of the party's biggest internal critics. Speaking to Sunetra Choudhury, Sibal confirmed that he met with party president Sonia Gandhi and that he would remain Independent.

#### How difficult was it for you to resign from Congress? When you've been almost 31

years with a political party, when you've seen all the ups and downs, to leave the family is not easy. Be that as it may, you have to think in terms of what contributions you can make to the polity of the country and on occasions, you have to decide to chart your own course. I have no complaints at all; the Congress party was very kind to me. I have not parted with any sense of anger or anything like that. I have always been saying that I want to be an independent voice and I will not join any other political party. It was extremely gracious of Akhilesh (Yadav) and the leadership of the Samajwadi party including Azam Khan and others to endorse my candidature as an Independent.

So you are completely ruling out joining them in the future?

I can't. As an Independent candidate, if you join a party, you will be disqualified under the tenth schedule. So no question of joining any party.

That has been my public statement throughout.



There is talk that you let your Congress membership lapse...but you had a meeting with Sonia Gandhi.

No, I resigned on the 16th of May from the primary membership of the party. These are personal meetings, there's nothing that I wish to share. She was very gracious and kind, that's all that I can say.

#### Since August 2020, however, things had become irreparable between you and the party?

I am no longer a Congress man. Within the Congress, I could say what I felt. Outside, I have no business commenting on the past. I wish the Congress party well and wish that it rejuvenates and becomes the national force it was meant to be.

on the internal affairs of the Congress. They will settle issues themselves.

I have nothing further to say

What happens to the G-23? I am not going to comment on any of that. That matter is over... My chapter is over.

#### Is it true that even the Trinamool Congress offered you a Rajya Sabha seat?

These are private conversations. All I can say is that I am grateful to the Samajwadi Party for having accepted my position as an Independent member of Parliament

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#### PM SAYS STATES CAN MAKE OWN MASTER PLANS FOR PROJECTS

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said states may implement their own master plans along lines of the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan, said a government statement on Wednesday.

The PM's comments came while reviewing projects during the 40th PRAGATI meeting here on Wednesday, the statement said. Overall, eight projects worth ₹59,900 crore pertaining to 14 states and the National Broadband Mission were reviewed during the meeting. The statement said that dur-

ing a review of the broadband mission, the PM asked states to leverage the centralised Gati Shakti Sanchar Portal to ensure timely disposal of Right of Way (RoW) applications. "This would expedite the implementation of the Mission. Parallelly, they should work to use technology for enhancing 'ease of living' of the common man," the PM was quoted as saying.

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# In silence on RCP Singh's RS seat, Nitish looks to set tone for the BJP

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NEW DELHI: By keeping everyone guessing about the re-nomination of Union minister and his party colleague RCP Singh to the Rajya Sabha, Bihar chief minister and JD(U) leader Nitish Kumar has delivered a twin message - that he is the one who calls the shots in the JD(U) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP),

an ally of his party in the state will have to keep its end of the bargain to ensure the continuity of the coalition government in the state, said people aware of the developments. Biennial elections to fill five vacant Rajya Sabha seats from Bihar will be held on June 10 and the last date for filing of nominations is May 31. The JD(U) which has 45 legislators, earlier had

two members in the RS, and all

eyes are now on whether Singh,

who holds the portfolio of steel,

will make it back to the Upper

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**RCP Singh** 

People close to the CM said the delay in naming Singh as the nominee has reiterated the edgy ties between the allies. While Singh said there is no souring of ties, two of his party colleagues said the CM did not approve of Singh in the Union cabinet.

"After the 2019 Lok Sabha election, Singh was deputed by the party to hold talks with the BJP on the issue of ministerial berths for the JD(U). While the party had not nominated anyone for the Cabinet in 2014, it signaled in 2019 that unlike the other allies (LJP and RPI) who were happy with the single berth offered to them, it wanted proportional representation (taking

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into account the LS members) in the Cabinet. However, the talks ended with Singh being picked for a ministerial position. Subsequently, the party started feeling he seemed closer to the BJP," added the JD(U) leader.

per rules, he may have to step down as minister. "The BJP now faces a predicament - should it allow Singh to quit or send him from its own quota, in which case, it runs the risk of rubbing CM the wrong way," said a BJP leader in Delhi. The absence of leaders who

If Singh is not nominated, as

can act as a bridge between the two parties has also been underlined as a reason for differences being exacerbated. "It is important for the BJP to

have JD(U) on its side. It will need the party's help to elicit support from the OBC vote bank as it faces a coalition of opposition parties in 2024, and even in Bihar (in 2025) it is not assured of a majority if it goes it alone," said the BJP leader.

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(Rs. in Crore)

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