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Course work, literature survey, library dissertation, RAC Meeting, proposal defense	Jan 2024 - July 2024	
Working on objective 1 and Publication	Aug 2024 - Dec 2024	
Working on objective 2 and Publication	Jan 2025 - June 2025	
Working on objective 3, Validation of research work accomplished, and Publication	July 2025 - Dec 2025	
Pre-synopsis and Synopsis defenses	Jan 2026 - June 2026	

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Annexures

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Formatting Styles

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1. Proposal Body

The proposal shall be presented in a **single chapter structure.** Do not divide the proposal into chapters. *However, it may be divided into suitable sections again* subdivided into *sub-sections and sub-sub-sections* so as to present the content discretely and with due emphasis. Tables and Figures should be included at appropriate places in the text of the dissertation.

The word **'PROPOSAL'** in caps and without punctuation should be centered 45 mm down from the top of the page. Two spaces below the Sub-heading of the section should be typed. The paragraph shall be started another 1.5 Line spaces below the sub-heading with an intent of 15 mm.

Sections and sub-sections can be numbered using decimal points, e.g., 2.2. The Sections and Sub-section titles, along with their numbers in boldface, shall be flushed to the left (not centered). The text of the sub-heading shall be intended to be 1.5 cm. The typed material directly below the division or sub-division heading should commence 1.5-line spaces below it and should also be offset 15 mm from the left-hand margin. Indicative sections are given below:

1   Introduction
    1.1   Research Problem /Problem Statement
    1.2   Research questions
    1.3   Objectives of the study
    1.4   Delimitations of the study (Scope of the Study)
2   Review of literature
    2.1   Theoretical background
    2.2   Description of the concepts
    2.3   Research Gap
    2.4   Conceptual model
    2.5   Hypothesis / Assumptions made
3   Methodology
    3.1   Design of the study /Technique used/Approach
    3.2   Observation Design
        3.2.1 Variables of the study / Parameters of the study
        3.2.2 Operational Definitions
        3.2.3 Tools for collecting the data
        3.2.4 Validation procedures
    3.3   Sampling Design
        3.3.1 Sampling Unit
        3.3.2 Population
        3.3.3 Sampling Technique
        3.3.4. Sample Size
    3.4   Survey design /Experimentation/Fieldwork details
    3.4   Tools for analysis/statistical techniques/
    3.5   Expected challenges of the study
    3.6   Ethical clearances
4   Expected outcomes of the Study
5   Tentative timelines for the research
    References

2. Formatting Details

2.1 Margin

The printed sheets shall have the following writing area and margins. All the pages shall be printed on a single side A4 good quality bond paper not less than 75 GSM.

Top edge: 30mm
Bottom edge: 30 mm
Left: 40 mm
Right: 30 mm
An additional top margin of about 15 mm is to be added at the beginning of the body (15 + 30 mm = 45 mm from the top).

2.2 Page Numbering

Page numbering in the text of the proposal shall be Small Roman numeral center of the footer, stating as 'ii' from the proposal approval to the end of the preliminary pages. The page number shall be Hindu-Arabic numerals at the center of the footer starting from the starting of the first page of the body content). Page number shall appear 20 mm from below.

2.5 Paragraph format

The line spacing of the body text should be 1.5 lines.

Vertical space between paragraphs shall be about 1.5 line spacing.

The first line of each paragraph should normally be indented by 15 mm.

A paragraph should normally comprise more than one line. A single line of a paragraph shall not be left at the top or bottom of a page (that is, no widows or orphans should be left).

The word at the right end of the first line of a page or paragraph should, as far as possible, not be hyphenated. The paragraph has to be justified.

Single spacing should be used for typing references with a paragraph spacing of 1.5 Lines.

2.6 Font style and size

Heading = Times New Roman (TNR), 18 pt Bold (The word 'PROPOSAL' on the first page of
          the Body)
Sub Heading 1 = TNR 15 Pt Bold, All Caps
Sub Heading 2 = TNR 14 pt Bold, Capitalize Each
Word Sub Heading 3 = TNR 14 pt Bold, Sentence Case
Sub Heading 4 = TNR 13 pt Bold, Sentence Case Italic (Try to avoid this
level) Body Text = TNR 13 Pt
Table & Figure Captions = TNR 13 pt Bold

Centered **2.7 Table / Figure Format**

As far as possible, tables and figures should be presented in portrait style. Small size tables and figures (less than half of the writing area of a page) should be incorporated within the text, while larger ones may be presented on separate pages. Tables and figures shall be numbered continuously.

The table number and title will be placed above the table, while the figure number and caption will be located below the figure. Reference for Tables and Figures reproduced from elsewhere shall be cited in the last and separate line in the table and figure caption.

Tables should have 'All Borders' formatting. That means all the Vertical lines and Horizontal lines should be included. Cells can be merged as per requirements. Basically, the font size of the table text should be 13 TNR. However, the same can be reduced as required to fit the table within the margin. There should be consistency in the row heights and column width in a table.

2.8 Equations

Equations appearing in each Chapter or Appendix should be numbered serially, the numbering should commence afresh for each Chapter or Appendix. Thus for For example, an equation appearing in Chapter 4, if it happens to be the second equation in that Chapter should be numbered as (4.2) thus:

$$\frac{1}{\pi} = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{9801} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(4k)!(1103 + 26390k)}{(k!)^4 396^{4k}} \tag{4.2}$$

While referring to this equation in the body of the Thesis, it should be referred to as Equation (4.2).

2.9 Referencing

For School of Business and Management, Citation and Bibliography should follow APA-7 referencing Style.

3. Sample timeline

Write about your plan of work and the different phases. (An example is given below)

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1.1. Problem Statement (200 words): Follow a funnel approach. The problem statement must be written in this order:

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2. Literature Review (Times New Roman, Font Size 12, Bold) (1500 – 2000 words)

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Include the key search terms you have used to find the articles

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4	Methodology (Add methodologies, hardware, software, tools to be used)	
5	Description of Research Work (Add details, flow chart and block diagram)	
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   Identify the limitations of the previous research.
   State hypothesis / central question (Research Problem).
Give summary how the identified research problem is going to be carried out and the significance of the outcomes (Significance or rationale of your proposed work, Methodology and expected outcomes of your proposed research). (Times New Roman, Font Size 12, Spacing – 1.15 pt)

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Present the brief review of literature from oldest to the latest.
Be selective and present only the relevant.
Highlight important results and the drawbacks of the work.
About 2-3 sentences from each literature work (what is done, findings, limitations).
Follow some standard style (IEEE/MLA etc) for presenting literature work and listing the references at the end of the proposal.
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   ● Claiming the literature support from the status of the literature survey, give the statement of the research problem and the objectives.

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Mention whether theoretical, simulation or experimental.
Experimental/Synthesis of materials/Data (Details of the materials/ data to be studied).
Characterization/Analysis Techniques (Details of the characterization techniques to be used, data analysis tools).

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5. **Description of Research Work** (Times New Roman, Font Size 12, caps, Bold)
Describe the overall research work with details of workflow diagram, block diagram etc.

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Working on objective 2 and Publication	Jan 2025 - June 2025	
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Annexures

A1. List of Journals and Conferences (planned)

(Times New Roman, Font Size 12, Caps, Bold, numbering any style)

Provide the list of journals and conferences you have identified from the huge literatures reviewed so as to publish your research outcomes suitably.

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A2. Knowledge Enhancement (Times New Roman, Font Size 12, Caps, Bold)

Provide details of workshop/ seminars/conferences attended/labs visited/experts met which are only relevant to the proposed research (you may provide details of date, title, place, organizer, experts name and details etc. point wise or in table as applicable)

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Attach the syllabus and evaluation sheets

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