Frequently Asked Questions on Pre-PhD Program (FAQs)

Q1. I am a school/college teacher. Can I take this course?
A1. Yes, provided you have completed at least BSc with 55% from a Govt. recognized College.

Q2. I passed BSc/MSc in Math (Hons.). Is there a way for us to carry out research?
A2. You need to have Physics (Pass) with at least 60% marks.

Q3. If I leave the program after one or two years, do I get a Diploma?
A3. No.

Q4. If I leave the program in the middle, do I get any recommendation to study further elsewhere?
A4. Yes. The nature of the letter would reflect the progress you made during your program.

Q5. How can I finish PhD?
A5. After Pre-PhD, if you wish to join PhD program, you need to fulfill the requirements of the University. For example, if you joined Pre-PhD after BSc, or while studying MSc, you need to complete MSc (Physics/ Maths) with 55%. We will take an interview and examination and then enroll you for the PhD program. Your application will be forwarded from our side to the University for registration.

Q6. Do I need to complete Pre-PhD to be eligible for PhD?
A6. No. If you have your funds from NET/CSIR/INSPIRE etc. while doing Pre-PhD, you can join our regular PhD program in the middle also. We will process and forward your application to the University for registration and treat as our other Junior Research Fellow/Scientists.

Q7. Do I need to change the subject or guide during PhD?
A7. No. You will continue PhD work with the same guide.

Q8. If I do not get any NET/CSIR/INSPIRE, but want to complete PhD from my own fund, can I do that?
A8. Once your Pre-PhD is over, hopefully with a some scientific papers, provided you have Masters degree and completed UGC required courses,
we can forward your application to a suitable University for further processing. Their rules for registration prevail. You receive training from us, but will get the Degree from the University if you fulfill all of their conditions (minimum marks, publication, talks before their committee, thesis, successful review report of the thesis, viva examination etc.). After Pre-PhD, you are likely to take shorter time to complete PhD.

Q9. May I have joint supervisors?
A9. Yes, as long as both are our faculties. Maximum two supervisors may be taken.

Q10. After successful pre-PhD, may I apply abroad for PhD?
A10. Yes. If you complete signficant work, we can recommend you to other places in India or abroad for PhD. Recommendations after significant interaction with guides are given more weight by the places where you apply. So more sincere students will have a better chance.

Q11. What else we gain from this program?
A11. For all practical purposes you are treated by us as a PhD like research student and will be trained accordingly. You will be trained to give Scientific lectures, to carry our forefront research, to write scientific articles, and to present your research work in scientific conferences. By the time you hold our Diploma, you could be as expert as a regular Doctorate, except that you will not have the degree.

Q12. What if I get more than 55% in Physics hons but did not received the degree yet for some reason. Am I eligible of pre-PhD?
A12. Yes. Of course, to continue to PhD, you must clear BSc and MSc as required by the University.

Q13. I did not get 55% in BSc, but have above 55% in MSc. Am I eligible?
A13. Yes.

Q14. Suppose I register and then found ineligible, would I get back any fees that I pay?
A14. You need to talk to your chosen supervisor with copies of your mark sheets/certificates and have a clear letter from ICSP administration which states whether you are eligible and which supervisor will supervise your research activities. Only then you will register and pay. After that you cannot get the fee refunded.

Q15. What if I need to change my research subject and the supervisor?
A15. You can change the supervisor only once and that too within the first three months. The old and the new supervisors would sign a document and deposite to the administration before this arrangement becomes effective. You cannot change after that.