## DIRECTION

No. 13/2025 Dated :- 13/02/2025

**Subject :- Procedure for processing the application received from affiliated college for obtaining Autonomous Status to the college and for issuing Notification of grant of autonomous Status / Extension thereof-Direction – 2025**

Whereas, Section -122 of Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 provides grant of autonomous status to the affiliated college by the Management Council on the recommendation of Academic Council and u/s 71(7) of MPU Act, 2016 autonomous status is to be granted subject to approval by the Government;

AND

Whereas, after the enforcement of the MPU Act, 2016 the Government of Maharashtra u/s 72 (10) has prescribed the Uniform Statute No. 3 of 2023 by Notification dated 22nd May, 2023 adopting the UGC Regulation 2023 "Conferment of Autonomous status upon colleges and measures for maintenance of standards in Autonomous colleges Regulation – 2023;

AND

Whereas, vide para – 7.1 of the Regulation F. No. 1-18/2021 (CPP-II), 2023eligible affiliated college which fulfills the conditions can submit the application for grant of autonomous status to the UGC and the University has to process application /proposal under 7.2 of the Regulation and has to examine the same on UGC portal & give its recommendation along with reasons / justifications within 30 working days from the date of submission of application by the college on the UGC portal. If the University does not respond on UGC portal within 30 working days, it shall be presumed as No objection to process the application by UGC;

AND

Whereas, as per para – 4.2 of the Regulation F. No. 1-18/2021 (CPP-II), 2023, the University has to issue Notification within 30 days for a college to function as an autonomous entity once the autonomous status is conferred on the college by the UGC;

AND

Whereas, the University has to initiate action to process the application along with proposal to be forwarded to UGC within stipulated time the Management Council vide item No. 74 its meeting held on 24 April, 2024 has resolved as under : Resolution

"उपरोक्त विषयाबाबत परिषदेने असे निर्देश दिलेत की, यापुढे स्वायत्तता दर्जा मिळणेबाबत महाविद्यालया कडून प्राप्त होणाऱ्या प्रस्तावावर रितसर कार्यवाही होण्याचे दृष्टीने त्यासंबंधीचे सविस्तर विनियम तयार करण्यात यावेत."

AND

Whereas, the procedure is to be prescribed by Regulation u/s 75 of the Act, which takes time and to prescribe the procedure immediately Direction u/s 12 (8) of the Act, is required to be issued,

Therefore, I Dr. Milind Barhate, Vice – Chancellor Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University in exercise of powers vested in me u/s 12 (8) of Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 do hereby issue the following Direction :

1. This Direction may be Called as "Procedure for processing the application received from affiliated college for obtaining Autonomous Status to the college and for issuing Notification of grant of autonomous Status /Extension there of - Direction – 2025"
2. This Direction shall come into force with effect from the date of its issuance.
3. In this Direction unless the context otherwise requires:

(i) "UGC" means University Grants Commission constituted under UGC Act, 1956

(ii) "Government means" Government of Maharashtra

(iii) "Act" means Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016

(iv) "University" means Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati

(v) "Management Council" means Management Council constituted u/s 30 of Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016

(vi) "Academic Council" means "Academic Council constituted u/s 32 of Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016

(vii) "Affiliated college" means the college to which the University has granted affiliation

(viii) "Autonomous Status " means Autonomous status conferred on a college affiliated to the University under the provisions of UGC Regulation – 2023 on conferment of autonomous status upon colleges and measures for maintenance standards in Autonomous colleges Regulation – 2023 adopted vide Uniform Statute No. 3 of 2023 u/s 72 (10) of the Act, and u/s 122 of the MPU Act, 2016.

4. The affiliated college which intends to apply for grant of autonomous status, shall submit practically the application along with proposal in 5 copies, (hard Copy) with soft copy next day of submission of application on the UGC portal to the University. The application fee prescribed shall be paid along with application
5. On receipt of application under para- 4 above the Section shall move the file within 3 working days to the Vice - Chancellor to constitute a Committee to examine the application / proposal and to visit the college The constitution of the Committee shall consist of-
   1. One member of Management Council – Chairman
   2. One member of Academic Council – Member
   3. One Expert (Not below the rank of Principal or professor considering faculties / courses)
6. The Committee shall be informed immediately by sending letter of appointment and copy of proposal to examine the application / proposal and to visit the college and submit its recommendation within 7 days from the date of communication.
7. The recommendations of the Committee shall be submitted immediately to the Academic Council u/s 122 (1) of the Act, which shall recommend to the Management Council. The Management Council shall take decision on the recommendations u/s 122 (1) of the Act. In case if the meeting of the Academic Council and/or, as the case may be, the Management Council is not scheduled and if awaited the 30 days time shall expire in such even-tuality the Vice-Chancellor shall take decision on the recommendation on behalf of these authority/ies u/s 12 (7) of the MPU Act, 2016.
8. After taking action under above para- 7, the Administrative Section forthwith well before expiry of 30 days time,shall inform the decision to the UGC on portal and also by post within 3 working days with a copy to the concerned college.
9. On receipt of decision from UGC under Para 7.3 of Regulation – 2023 on the conferment of autonomous status, the Administrative Section shall initiate action immediately under para 4.2 of Regulation – 2023 to place it before the Academic Council and the Management Council to note the UGC decision.

In the event if the meeting of the authority /authorities is not scheduled and if awaited 30 days time shall expire, the Vice-Chancellor shall note the decision of the UGC on Conferment of Autonomous status on behalf of authority/ies and Notification shall be issued immediately before expiry of 30 days time It shall be ensured, before issuing Notification that the application process fees for grant of autonomous prescribed is deposited with the University.

10. There is no time-limit prescribed in the Regulation – 2023 for the university in respect of forwarding application for extension in autonomous status and issuing Notification if the UGC granted extension in autonomous status to the college under its Para – 8. Such UGC decision, shall be submitted to the Academic Council and the Management Council to note the same. In case the meeting of the authority/ies is not scheduled and if there will be chances of delay, the Vice-Chancellor shall note the decision of UGC on grant of extension in autonomous status u/s 12(7) of the Act on behalf of the said authority/ies and the Notification shall be issued immediately. It shall be ensured before issuing Notification that the fees prescribed for grant of extension in affiliation is deposited with the University.

Sd/-

Dt. 31/01/2025

(Dr. Milind Barhate)
Vice-Chancellor
Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University