Direction

No. 37/ 2025 Dated :- 07/05/2025

Sub :- Facilities for lactating mother Students. (स्तनदा माता विद्यार्थीनी)

Whereas, in the exercise of the powers conferred by Sub Section 2 of Section 1 of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 (hereinafter referred to as the 'Said Act'); the Government of Maharashtra has published the Said Act in the Maharashtra Government Gazette on January 11th, 2017, which came into force on March 1st, 2017 by repealing the Maharashtra Universities Act, 1994;

AND

Whereas, the Maharashtra Public Universities Act,2016 under section 29(a) states that the Senate to give suggestions to the university authorities on improvements that can be made in all areas and domains that are an intergral part of the university,namely,academics,research and development,administration and governance.

AND

Whereas, while considering Item No.22 of Senate meeting dated 31/10/2023 and 1/11/2022,the chairperson ruled that the proposal will be submitted to the Board of Examinations and Evaluation.

AND

Whereas, the proposal had been placed before the meeting of Board of Examinations and Evaluation dated 28/02/2024 vide Item No. 10. While considering the proposal for providing facilites for **lactating mother Students**. (स्तनदा माता विद्यार्थीनी), Board of Examinations and Evaluation has constitued a Committee.

AND

Whereas, the Board of Examinations and Evaluation in its meeting dated 24/12/2024 vide Item No. 25 , considered and approved the report of the committee and directed to lay down detailed procedure.

AND

Whereas,the above said procedures have to be regulated .

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Whereas,aforsaid provisions ae to be implemented from the Academic session 2025-26.

AND

Whereas,making ordinance is time consuming process.

Now, therefore I,Dr.Milid Barahate,Vice-Chancellor,Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati in exercise of power conferred upon me under Sub-section (8)of Section 12 of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act,2016 do hereby direct as under-

1) This direction may be called," **Faciliies for lactating mothers. Students.** (स्तनदा माता विद्यार्थीनी)"

2) This direction shall come into force from the date of it's issuance.

3) The following shall be the provisions for providng facilities for lactating mothers.

i) As per university rules, after the commencement of the examination paper at the center,just as the general examinee can leave the room only after the 1 hour,the lactating mother can leave the room for breastfeeding the baby . She shall be given 20 minutes more to solve the paper. (For example if the exam paper is of three hour then the total time for solving the paper shall be of three hours and twenty minutes.)

ii) The entire responsibility of taking care of the baby of the lactating mother shall be of her family.

iii) Access to the separate room/Hirkani kaksha made available for lactating mother for breastfeeding at the center of examination shall be provibited to any one other than the lactating mother and no objectionable material other than the material needed by the baby shall be brought into the said separate room/Hirkani kaksha.

iv) After feeding the baby the lactating mother shall be examined by the female invigilator/Officer in Charge/Co-officer before being admitted to the examination hall.

v) It is mandatory for lactating mothers to strictly follow the instructions on the admit card and answer sheet.

vi) The above facilites shall be given to the lactating mothers having babies below six months.For availing these the lactating mothers have to bring the birth certificate of the baby.

Date: 24/04/2025

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(Dr.Milind Barhate)
Vice-Chancellor,
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