

# SANT GADGE BABA AMRAVATI UNIVERSITY GAZETTE



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PART- ONE

(Extra-ordinary)

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DIRECTION

No. 23 /2021

Date : 9/04/2021.

**Subject : Conducting online M.Phil./Ph.D.viva –voce examination**

Reference : Direction No.4/2020 dated 15/06/2020

**Whereas**, Ordinance No.1 of 2016 for award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) ,Recognition of Supervisor and Research Center in all Faculties in accordance with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees)Regulations,2016 is in existence.

**Whereas**, the sub-clause 2.4 of clause C-2 of the Ordinance No.1 of 2016 stated as “Nothing in this ordinance shall apply to the candidates already registered under old ordinances Viz.39 of 2005 and 19 of 2009 except evaluation

**Whereas**, the **open defense** is conducted as per the provisions of Ordinance 19 of 2009.

AND

**Whereas**, as per the resolution of Academic Council vide item 39,the reports received shall be immediately forwarded to the Director, Board of Examinations and Evaluation who, after ascertaining that the reports are favorable shall arrange the open defense of the thesis on earliest date suitable to the external referee preferably nearest to the university campus recommending open defense and the internal referee.

AND

**Whereas**, as per the clause B-5.1 and the clause 15 of Direction No.49 of 2019,the result shall be declared by the University on the same day of receipt of the favorable report on the defense of the thesis.

AND

**Whereas**, on the backdrop of COVID-19 pandemic, the University Grants Commission (UGC) vide letters No.D.O.No.F.1-1/2020 (Secy) dated 1.04.2020 and 29.04.2020 and Director, Higher Education,Govt of Maharashtra vide letter No. UNI/2020/Baithak VISHI-1/4131A dated 08.05.2020 issued the guidelines to conduct the online M.Phil and Ph.D.Viva Voce examination.

AND

Whereas, the Vice Chancellor considered the lettes of UGC and Director, Higher Education, Government of Maharashtra under section 48(2) of Maharashtra Public Universities Act-2016 on behalf of Board of Examinations and Evaluation and recommended it to Board of Deans to prepare draft ordinance and place before the Academic Council.

AND

Whereas, the Board of Deans in the online meeting dated 08.06.2020 recommended the draft Ordinance for conducting the online M.Phil./Ph.D.viva-voce examination to the Academic council for the approval.

AND

Whereas, the meeting of Academic Council and Management Council is not scheduled in near future, the Vice Chancellor considered the recommendation of Board of Deans under section 12(7) of Maharashtra Public Universities Act-2016 on behalf of Academic council and Management Council.

AND

Whereas, making an Ordinance is time consuming process, and the Direction No 4/2020 could not be converted into Ordinance and the matter, under this Direction is to be continued further by issuing fresh Direction as the Direction No.4/2020 Stands lapsed after completion of 6 months period under the provisions of section 12(8) Maharashtra Public Act,2016.

Now, therefore, I, Dr. Murlidhar G. Chandekar, Vice-Chancellor of Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, in exercise of powers conferred upon me under sub-section (8) of section 12 of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 hereby direct as under:-

1. This direction may be called "Conducting online M.Phil/Ph.D. viva-voce Examination."-Direction 2021
2. This direction deem to have come into force from 15<sup>th</sup> December,2020
3. The University shall initiate the process of viva -voce examination after the receipt of accepted reports of both the examiner appointed for the evaluation of the thesis. The process of viva-voce examination should be as per the provision of Ordinance No.19/2009.
4. The University shall consult to the external referee and supervisor through the telephone or any other convenient electronic media to decide the date and time for online M.Phil./Ph.D. viva -voce Examination.
5. The University shall send the viva voce letter along with the reports on the thesis to the external examiner appointed for the viva-voce examination and also to the supervisor and candidate through the mail or any other convenient electronic media.
6. The University shall schedule the Ph.D. and M.Phil./Ph.D. viva-voce examination through video Conferencing on any reliable and mutually convenient online platform..
7. The University shall share the meeting ID or link with the external examiner, supervisor and candidate.
8. The University shall upload the meeting ID or link of the schedule viva-voce on the website for the open defence.
9. The faculty members of the departments, other research scholars, and other interested experts/researchers beside the Research Supervisor and the External referee can use meeting ID or link to attend the open defence.
10. The University shall ensure that the external referee shall send the report of viva-voce on the same day through email or any other convenient electronic media.
11. After the receipt of the favorable report on the defence of the thesis from the external referee, the notification shall be issued by the University on the same day.
12. The university shall maintain the record of online viva-voce examination along with all the necessary documents.

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Dated : 7.4.2021

Sd/-  
(Dr.Murlidhar Chandekar)  
Vice-Chancellor