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HANDBOOK & OPERATIONAL MANUAL FOR AUTONOMOUS COLLEGES

DOCUMENT PURPOSE & REGULATORY MANDATE

This Handbook provides a unified, comprehensive guidance manual for all affiliated autonomous colleges and recognized institutions under Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar (BAMU). It integrates the University Grants Commission (Conferment of Autonomous Status upon Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations 2023, Maharashtra Public Universities Act 2016, Uniform Statutes, State Government Resolutions (including GR dated 14 Jan 2019), Ordinance 150,151,152,152(A) and 152(B) provisions, and official University executive orders.

Handbook Structure & Chapter Breakdown

The handbook is structured into comprehensive operational modules designed to serve as a definitive legal and procedural reference for Governing Bodies, Academic Councils, Boards of Studies, Finance Committees, Examination Cells, IQAC, Principals, and University Officers.

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Foreword by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor

It gives me immense pleasure to present the Handbook for Autonomous Colleges of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar. This handbook has been prepared as a comprehensive reference document for all autonomous colleges affiliated with the University, with the objective of ensuring clarity, transparency, uniformity, and excellence in academic and administrative governance.

Autonomous status is a significant milestone in the journey of an institution towards academic excellence. The University Grants Commission (Conferment of Autonomous Status upon Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations, 2023 have entrusted autonomous colleges with greater academic, administrative, and financial responsibilities while emphasizing accountability, quality assurance, innovation, and continuous improvement. Simultaneously, autonomous colleges are expected to function in consonance with the provisions of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016, the Uniform Statutes, the applicable regulations of statutory councils, and the Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations, and Directions of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University.

With the increasing number of autonomous colleges and the expanding scope of academic autonomy under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the University has observed the need for a consolidated handbook that clearly explains the respective roles and responsibilities of autonomous colleges and the University. This handbook has therefore been developed to provide practical guidance on governance, curriculum development, admission procedures, examinations and evaluation, award of degrees, statutory committees, financial management, quality assurance, student welfare, research, innovation, compliance requirements, and other matters relating to autonomous functioning.

The primary objective of this handbook is to establish a common understanding of the regulatory framework governing autonomous colleges and to minimize ambiguity in interpretation. It is intended to serve as a ready reference for the Governing Body, Academic Council, Board of Studies, Finance Committee, Examination Cell, IQAC, administrative officers, faculty members, and all other stakeholders involved in the administration of autonomous colleges.

This handbook also seeks to promote transparency, accountability, institutional autonomy with responsibility, and adherence to national and state regulatory requirements. It is expected that the adoption of standardized procedures and clearly defined responsibilities will facilitate effective academic planning, timely decision-making, improved governance, and enhanced coordination between the University and autonomous colleges. The inclusion of operational guidelines, checklists, reporting formats, compliance calendars, and frequently asked questions will assist institutions in implementing statutory provisions efficiently and consistently.

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar has always been committed to promoting academic excellence, innovation, quality education, and institutional development. Autonomous colleges play a pivotal role in achieving these objectives by introducing learner-centric curricula, adopting innovative pedagogical practices, strengthening research and extension activities, fostering industry collaboration, and ensuring holistic

development of students. The University remains committed to providing every possible academic and administrative support to autonomous colleges while ensuring that quality standards prescribed by the University Grants Commission, the Government of Maharashtra, and other statutory bodies are maintained.

I sincerely appreciate the efforts of all officers, academicians, experts, committee members, and administrative staff who have contributed to the preparation of this handbook. I am confident that this handbook will strengthen the autonomous ecosystem of the University, promote excellence in higher education, facilitate effective governance, and reduce procedural uncertainties.

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Preface & Executive Introduction

Preface

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, has consistently endeavoured to promote academic excellence, institutional development, quality assurance, and effective governance in higher education. The conferment of autonomous status upon affiliated colleges represents a significant step towards decentralization of academic administration, enabling institutions to exercise greater academic flexibility while maintaining accountability and adherence to national and state regulatory frameworks.

The University Grants Commission Regulations, 2023 provide autonomous colleges with substantial academic, administrative, and financial responsibilities, including curriculum development, conduct of examinations, evaluation, declaration of results, and quality enhancement, while the parent university continues to award degrees and perform its statutory functions.

At the same time, autonomous colleges are required to comply with the provisions of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016, the Uniform Statutes, directives issued by the Government of Maharashtra, applicable regulations of statutory councils (AICTE, NCTE, PCI, INC, BCI, NMC, COA, etc.), as well as the Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations, Directions, and policies framed by Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.

In recent years, the University has observed that autonomous colleges frequently seek clarification regarding academic governance, admission procedures, curriculum revision, constitution of statutory bodies, examination systems, financial matters, reporting requirements, introduction of new programmes, intake variations, and various statutory compliances. Although the governing regulations are available separately, the absence of a single consolidated reference document often leads to differing interpretations and procedural delays. Recognizing this need, the University has prepared this Handbook for Autonomous Colleges as a comprehensive guidance document.

DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

For the purpose of this Handbook, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the meanings assigned below. These definitions provide a common operational understanding of terminology used throughout the Handbook and shall be read together with the applicable Acts, Regulations, Statutes, Ordinances, Directions, Government Resolutions and University orders.

Key Definitions

No.	Term	Definition / Meaning
1	Academic and Administrative Audit (AAA)	An institutional audit for assessing academic and administrative processes, standards, compliance and continuous improvement.
2	Academic Autonomy	The authority of an autonomous college to exercise approved academic flexibility, including curriculum design, teaching-learning practices, assessment and examination-related academic functions, subject to applicable statutory requirements and University oversight.
3	Academic Bank of Credits (ABC)	The digital mechanism for accumulation, storage and transfer of academic credits under the applicable national framework.
4	Academic Council	The principal academic statutory body responsible for academic planning, curriculum, syllabi, examination schemes and other academic matters within its jurisdiction.
5	Affiliation	The statutory relationship under which a college is affiliated to the University and is subject to applicable provisions of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, University Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations and Directions.
6	Autonomous College	An affiliated college granted autonomous status by the University Grants Commission with the prior permission of the University under the applicable UGC Regulations and functioning within the statutory framework of the parent University.
7	Board of Studies (BoS)	The academic body at subject or department level responsible for curriculum design, course content, learning resources and assessment schemes.
8	Competent Authority	The University, Government, statutory body or other authority legally empowered to take the relevant decision or grant the relevant approval.
9	Continuous Internal Evaluation (CIE)	Assessment conducted during the academic term in accordance with the approved scheme of assessment.

10	End Semester Examination (ESE)	The examination conducted at the end of the prescribed academic term.
11	Examination Cell	The institutional unit responsible for confidential and orderly conduct of examinations, evaluation, moderation, declaration of results and related examination records.
12	Finance Committee	The statutory committee responsible for financial planning, budget estimates, fee-related recommendations, financial oversight and audit-related matters.
13	Governing Body	The statutory body responsible for overall policy direction, institutional development, budgetary matters and governance of an autonomous college.
14	Intake Capacity	The approved number of students that an institution is permitted to admit to a programme in an academic year.
15	Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)	The institutional quality-monitoring body responsible for quality initiatives, Academic and Administrative Audit (AAA), AQAR preparation and related quality-assurance activities.
16	No Objection Certificate (NOC)	A formal certificate issued by the competent authority confirming that it has no objection to the specified proposal or action, where such prior approval is required.
17	Parent University	Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, to which the autonomous college is affiliated and which continues to exercise its statutory functions, including conferment of degrees.
18	Permanent Registration Number (PRN)	The registration number allotted to a student for University academic and examination records.
19	Ph.D. Research Centre	A University-recognized research centre operating in an autonomous college for Ph.D. activities in accordance with applicable UGC Regulations and BAMU rules, ordinances and approvals.
20	Postgraduate (PG)	A programme at postgraduate level leading to a postgraduate degree, diploma or certificate, as applicable.
21	Statutory Body	A body constituted under an Act, Regulation, Statute, Ordinance or other legally applicable instrument and exercising the functions assigned to it.
22	Undergraduate (UG)	A programme at undergraduate level leading to an undergraduate degree, diploma or certificate, as applicable.
23	University	Unless otherwise specified, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar (BAMU).

ABBREVIATIONS AND FULL FORMS

The following abbreviations are used in this Handbook. The full form is given for reference and the abbreviated form may subsequently be used for brevity. Where a statutory instrument prescribes different terminology, the statutory terminology shall prevail.

No.	Abbreviation	Full Form
1	ABC	Academic Bank of Credits
2	AAA	Academic and Administrative Audit
3	AICTE	All India Council for Technical Education
4	AQAR	Annual Quality Assurance Report
5	BCI	Bar Council of India
6	BAMU	Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar
7	BoS	Board of Studies
8	CBCS	Choice Based Credit System
9	CIE	Continuous Internal Evaluation
10	COA	Council of Academic Affairs
11	CoE	Controller of Examinations
12	DSD	Directorate of Students' Development
13	ESE	End Semester Examination
14	GR	Government Resolution
15	ICC	Internal Complaints Committee
16	INC	Indian Nursing Council
17	IQAC	Internal Quality Assurance Cell
18	MPUA	Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016
19	NAAC	National Assessment and Accreditation Council
20	NCC	National Cadet Corps
21	NCH	National Commission for Homoeopathy
22	NCISM	National Commission for Indian System of Medicine
23	NEP	National Education Policy, 2020
24	NMC	National Medical Commission
25	NOC	No Objection Certificate
26	PG	Post Graduate
27	PET	Ph.D. Entrance Test
28	Ph.D.	Doctor of Philosophy
29	PRN	Permanent Registration Number
30	POSH	Prevention of Sexual Harassment Act, 2013
31	RAC	Research Advisory Committee
32	SGRC	Student Grievance Redressal Committee
33	UG	Under Graduate
34	UGC	University Grants Commission

Executive Introduction

Autonomous colleges constitute an important component of India's higher education system. Academic autonomy enables institutions to respond effectively to emerging educational needs, introduce innovative curricula, adopt flexible teaching-learning methodologies, strengthen research activities, and improve academic quality while maintaining institutional accountability.

The implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, Choice Based Credit System (CBCS), Academic Bank of Credits (ABC), multidisciplinary education, outcome-based learning, digital governance, and quality assurance mechanisms has further expanded the scope and responsibilities of autonomous institutions. Consequently, institutional governance requires clearly defined procedures, efficient administrative systems, transparent decision-making, robust examination processes, and periodic reporting to the University and statutory authorities.

This handbook provides standardized procedures, explanatory notes, model formats, compliance checklists, reporting timelines, frequently asked questions, and best practices to support effective institutional governance. The University believes that the effective implementation of these guidelines will contribute significantly towards creating autonomous institutions that are academically vibrant, administratively efficient, socially responsible, globally competitive, and committed to the highest standards of higher education.

Core Philosophy of Institutional Autonomy

Autonomy is a privilege accompanied by profound institutional responsibility. The distinction between the true spirit of autonomy and its misconception is summarized below:

Autonomy is NOT For	Autonomy is For
Freedom at will without accountability	Academic freedom with statutory responsibility
Diluting academic quality or assessment standards	Sustainable, continuous development and quality enhancement
Pleasing internal or external stakeholders unethically	Institutional responsibility and social accountability
Donating degrees without rigorous assessment	Helping students to learn genuinely for earning a recognized degree
Building rigid walls between Departments / Faculties	Freedom to learn by choice (anything, anywhere, anytime)

Dictating rigidly solely by administrative rules	Fostering self-discipline, innovation, and outcome-based learning
Freedom from exams, submissions, results, and grades	Enjoying studies, learning from failures, preparing for lifelong learning
Cut-and-paste curriculum manipulation	Adopting professional ethics, quality quest, and global relevance

Autonomy Is Not License for Arbitrary Action

Autonomy does not mean freedom from rules, nor does it imply arbitrariness. True autonomy is a responsible academic freedom exercised within the framework of quality, discipline, transparency, accountability, and applicable University regulations. With autonomy comes greater responsibility, accountablity not exemption from institutional obligations.

Chapter 1: Objectives, Scope & Applicability

1.1 Background & Context

The University Grants Commission (UGC) notified the University Grants Commission (Conferment of Autonomous Status upon Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations, 2023 to empower eligible affiliated colleges to achieve academic excellence. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, as the parent University, issues this handbook to establish a transparent, robust, and operational governance ecosystem.

1.2 Objectives of the Handbook

- **Unified Governance:** To provide a comprehensive operational framework for all affiliated autonomous colleges.
- **Regulatory Alignment:** To ensure consistent implementation of UGC Regulations 2023, Maharashtra Public Universities Act (MPUA) 2016, Uniform Statutes, State GRs, and BAMU Statutes/Ordinances.
- **Role Clarity:** To clearly delineate academic, administrative, financial, examination, and research responsibilities between BAMU and autonomous institutions.
- **Academic Innovation:** To facilitate curriculum flexibility, skill enhancement, Choice Based Credit System (CBCS), Academic Bank of Credits (ABC), and NEP 2020 integration.
- **Standardization:** To mandate standardized admission processes, examination integrity, moderation rules, degree conferment protocols, and financial audits.

1.3 Applicability

This Handbook applies to:

- All autonomous colleges affiliated with Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.
- Constituent autonomous institutions of the University.
- All statutory authorities of autonomous colleges (Governing Body, Academic Council, Board of Studies, Finance Committee, Examination Cell, IQAC).
- Principals, Directors, Deans, Heads of Departments, Controllers of Examination, Faculty, and Administrative Staff.
- All undergraduate and postgraduate, Certificate, Diploma, Advance Diploma and Ph.D. students enrolled in autonomous colleges.
- Autonomous provisions shall apply only to the student batches granted autonomous status, unless otherwise permitted under applicable regulations. Students admitted prior to the grant of autonomous status shall continue to be governed by the curriculum, examination scheme, and academic regulations applicable at the time of their admission, subject to applicable statutory provisions.

Chapter 2: Legal Framework Governing Autonomous Colleges

2.1 Hierarchy of Legal Authority

In the event of any conflict or inconsistency in interpretation, the statutory hierarchy of legal authority is established as follows:

Level	Statutory Legal Authority
Level I	Constitution of India
Level II	Acts of Parliament (UGC Act 1956 and Central Statutory Acts)
Level III	University Grants Commission (UGC) Regulations (including Autonomous Regulations 2023)
Level IV	Maharashtra Public Universities Act (MPUA), 2016
Level V	Government Resolutions (GRs) and Government Notifications issued by Govt. of Maharashtra
Level VI	Uniform Statutes issued under the Maharashtra Public Universities Act (including Uniform Statute No. 3)

Level VII	Statutes, Ordinances (including Ordinance 150,151,152,152(A) and 152(B), Regulations, and Directions of Dr. BAMU
Level VIII	Resolutions of the Management Council and Academic Council of Dr. BAMU
Level IX	Internal Regulations of the Autonomous College approved by it's Statutory Governing Bodies

Note:-

All the provisions contained in this Handbook are subject to the University Grant Commission (Conferment of Autonomous Status upon Colleges and Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations. 2023, the applicable norms of statutory professional councils (including AICTE and other relevant councils), the Maharashtra Public University Act, 2016, and any subsequent notifications, Government Resolutions, or directions issued by the competent authorities. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency, the provisions of the said Regulations, the Act and the decisions of the competent authority shall prevail.

2.2 Key Statutory Instruments & Professional Councils

Autonomous colleges must strictly comply with:

- **UGC Regulations 2023:** UGC Autonomous Regulations 2023 regarding powers, duties, and quality assurance.
- **Maharashtra Public Universities Act 2016:** MPUA 2016 provisions governing affiliation, staff service conditions, reservation, and University oversight.
- **Statutory Professional Councils:** Applicable council standards (AICTE, NCTE, BCI, PCI, INC, NMC, COA, NCISM, NCH) for professional programmes.
- **State Government Directives:** Government Resolutions issued by Higher and Technical Education Department, Govt. of Maharashtra (e.g., GR dated 14 January 2019 regarding fee fixation and Uniform Statute No. 3).
- **BAMU Statutory Norms:** BAMU Statutes, Directions, and Ordinances (including Ordinance 150,151,152,152(A) and 152(B), regarding affiliation, autonomy fees, and programme closure).

Chapter 3: Grant, Extension, Renewal, Surrender & Withdrawal of Autonomous Status

CRITICAL REGULATORY RULE: MANDATORY UNIVERSITY APPROVAL / NOC

A. NO DIRECT UGC PROPOSAL WITHOUT BAMU NOC: Colleges seeking autonomous status MUST NOT send proposals directly to the UGC without prior formal approval and No Objection Certificate (NOC) from Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.

B. UGC APPLICATION REJECTION: The UGC will not accept or process autonomous proposals lacking explicit University approval/NOC. If autonomy is granted by UGC without University NOC, the University shall NOT grant autonomous recognition, and the institution cannot function as an autonomous college under BAMU.

> C. EFFECTIVE DATE OF AUTONOMY: Autonomous status operates on an academic year basis. Autonomy granted during an academic year shall take effect from the NEXT academic year. For the immediate transition year, the college must use the prescribed University syllabus or execute a transition plan approved by BAMU.
>
> D. PROGRESSIVE COVERAGE OF STUDENTS UNDER AUTONOMY: The students enrolled for the first year of any course at the time of actual commencement of autonomy to the College only shall be covered under autonomy and thereafter such students shall be covered under autonomy progressively.

3.1 Tenure & Renewal of Autonomous Status Based on NAAC Accreditation

In accordance with UGC Regulations and University rules, the duration and renewal of autonomous status are strictly linked to the institution's NAAC grade or equivalent NBA accreditation:

- **NAAC Grade 'A' or above (10-Year Tenure):** Colleges awarded NAAC Grade 'A' or above (or equivalent accreditation) shall be granted autonomous status for a tenure of Ten (10) Years.
- **NAAC Grade 'B++' or below (5-Year Tenure):** Colleges awarded NAAC Grade 'B++' or below shall be granted autonomous status for a tenure of Five (5) Years.
- **Tenure Expiry & Renewal:** At the expiry of the 5-year or 10-year tenure, the autonomous college must re-apply for extension/renewal following the full prescribed statutory process.

3.2 Affiliation, Extension / Renewal & Various Fees for Autonomous College under Ordinance 150,151,152,152(A) and 152(B),

Financial compliance for starting and maintaining autonomy is governed by University Ordinance 150,151,152,152(A) and 152(B):

- **Initial Autonomy Fee:** To initiate autonomous functioning upon grant of autonomy, the college shall pay an initial fee equal to Two Times (2 x Affiliation Fees) the standard affiliation fee as prescribed under Ordinance 150,151,152,152(A) and 152(B).
- **Annual Portal Activation Fee:** In subsequent years during the autonomous period, the college shall pay the prescribed annual Portal Activation Fee / Affiliation Maintenance Fee to keep its institutional portal active and maintain University affiliation records.
- **Cycle Renewal Process:** Upon completion of the 5-year or 10-year cycle, the complete autonomy approval and fee payment process under Ordinance 150,151,152,152(A) and 152(B), must be restarted. [Processing Fees and Two Times (2 x Affiliation Fees)]
- **Applicability:** These Rules and Regulations shall also be applicable to all Autonomous Colleges that have already been granted Autonomous Status.
- **First-Time Fees for New Programmes/Additional Division/ New Division/ New Faculty/ New Subject:** In respect of any new programme /Additional Division/ New Division/ New Faculty/New Subject introduced for the first time by an Autonomous College, the applicable fees, rules, and regulations shall be as prescribed for affiliated colleges. (Ord. 150,151) Autonomous college must pay First affiliation fees as per affiliated college.

3.3 Withdrawal, Surrender, Merger or Discontinuation

Autonomous status may be revoked or surrendered under specific statutory conditions:

- **Grounds for Withdrawal:** BAMU or UGC may initiate proceedings to withdraw autonomous status if an institution commits serious academic irregularities, fails to maintain NAAC accreditation, violates reservation policies, engages in financial malpractices, or fails to constitute statutory bodies.
- **Natural Justice:** Withdrawal proceedings shall follow due process of law and principles of natural justice, including formal show-cause notice and opportunity of hearing.
- **Surrender & Merger:** If a college surrenders autonomy or undergoes merger/bifurcation, it must protect student academic interests, preserve examination records, obtain prior University permission, and pay prescribed fees under Ordinance 150,151,152,152(A) and 152(B).

Chapter 4: Governance Structure & Statutory Bodies

Every autonomous college must establish the mandatory statutory bodies prescribed by UGC Regulations 2023 and MPUA 2016. The composition, roles, and meeting frequencies are summarized below:

4.1 Mandatory Statutory Bodies

1. **Governing Body:** Highest policy-making authority responsible for strategic direction, budget approval, infrastructure, and institutional policies. Meets at least twice a year.
2. **Academic Council:** Principal academic authority responsible for approving syllabi, academic regulations, examination schemes, new courses, and NEP implementation. Meets at least twice a year.
3. **Board of Studies (BoS):** Departmental academic body responsible for curriculum design, course content, textbook recommendations, and assessment schemes. Meets at least twice a year.
4. **Finance Committee:** Oversight body for annual budget estimates, fee recommendations, audit reports, and financial prudence. Meets at least twice a year.
5. **Examination Cell:** Independent, confidential body responsible for question paper setting, exam conduct, evaluation, moderation, result declaration, and marksheets.
6. **Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC):** Quality monitoring engine responsible for Academic and Administrative Audits (AAA), AQAR preparation, and NAAC compliance.
7. **Research and Development Cell:** Promotes sponsored research, consultancy, patents, seed funding, and industry collaboration.

4.2 Non-Statutory & Mandatory Welfare Committees

Autonomous colleges must also maintain active non-statutory committees mandated by statutory authorities:

- Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) for Prevention of Sexual Harassment under POSH Act, 2013.

- Anti-Ragging Committee and Anti-Ragging Squad as per UGC regulations.
- Student Grievance Redressal Committee (SGRC) under UGC Grievance Regulations.
- Equal Opportunity Cell, SC/ST Cell, OBC Cell, Minority Cell, and Divyangjan Support Cell.
- Purchase Committee, Admission Committee, Library Advisory Committee, and Placement Cell.

Chapter 5. Starting New Unestablished Courses

For new courses/programmes that are not already established in the autonomous college, the college may initiate the programme after University eligibility verification and compliance with applicable University and statutory requirements. The degree/certificate shall be conferred under the overall University academic framework.

Chapter 6: Admissions, Intake Capacity, Fee Regulation & Staffing Compliance

6.1 Fee Structure Fixation & Government Regulations

Fee management in autonomous colleges is subject to State regulations and University oversight:

- **College Level Fee Proposal: In accordance with the applicable Government Notification dated 14 January 2019 and Uniform Statute No. 3 (Point 6), the autonomous college shall formulate/recommend its course fee structure in accordance with the prescribed norms and applicable regulations.**
- **Fee Regulation Oversight: The proposed fee structure and any revision thereof shall be submitted to the University Fee Regulation Committee or other competent authority for approval before implementation. No arbitrary or unapproved fee increase shall be implemented.**
- **Scholarship Proposals:** Scholarship and freeship proposals for eligible reserved category students must be submitted directly by the autonomous college to the State Government Scholarship Department.

6.2 Intake Capacity Restrictions & Division Expansion

> **STRICT RESTRICTION ON INTAKE CAPACITY**
>
> A. PRIOR PERMISSION MANDATORY: Autonomous colleges CANNOT increase student intake capacity or add new divisions without explicit prior permission from BOTH the Government of Maharashtra AND Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.

6.3 Mandatory Annual Reporting (1-Month Deadline)

Every autonomous college MUST submit comprehensive institutional data to BAMU within ONE MONTH of the commencement of each academic year. The report must include:

- Complete roster of appointed regular and approved teaching faculty.
- Student admission figures branch-wise, category-wise, and gender-wise.
- Eligibility verification status of all newly admitted students.
- Infrastructure updates, Principal status, and compliance documentation.

Chapter 7: Examination, Evaluation & Financial Remittance Framework

7.1 Operational Autonomy of Examination Cell

The Examination Cell of the autonomous college shall function independently under the Controller of Examinations (CoE). It shall maintain absolute confidentiality in paper setting, printing, conduct, evaluation, moderation, and result declaration.

7.2 Examination Fee Remittance Rule (10% Share to BAMU)

Financial remittance regarding examination fees is governed by specific University circulars:

- **10% Remittance Rate:** Autonomous colleges shall remit Ten Percent (10%) of the total examination fees collected from students to Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar
- **Fee Revision Cap (10% Every 2 Years):** Autonomous colleges are permitted to increase student examination fees by up to Ten Percent (10%) once every two years, subject to prior formal approval from the University.

Chapter 8: Degrees, Marksheets, Certificates & Ph.D. Research Centers

8.1 Award of Degrees & Marksheets

- **Degree Conferment:** Degrees are conferred strictly by Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar during its official Convocation. The degree certificate shall prominently feature the name of the autonomous college.
- **Marksheet Issuance:** Marksheets, transcripts, grade cards, and provisional certificates shall be issued by the Autonomous College under its official seal, incorporating security features and PRN numbers.

8.2 Scope of Autonomy & Strict Ph.D. Regulations

> **CRITICAL RULE: AUTONOMY IS RESTRICTED TO UG, PG, Certificate, Diploma and Ph.D. COURSES ONLY**
>
> A. Academic autonomy applies to Undergraduate (UG) and Postgraduate (PG) degree, diploma, and certificate courses and Ph.D. programmes.
>
> B. MANDATORY COMPLIANCE WITH BAMU Ph.D. RULES: Research centers operating within autonomous colleges must strictly follow BAMU Ph.D. Rules and Regulations, including Ph.D. Entrance Test (PET), coursework, guide allocation, RAC meetings, and thesis evaluation as per University Circular No. 156/2021 and applicable University statutes.

8.3 Applicability of the University Ph.D. Ordinance and Regulations

Every autonomous college conducting a Ph.D. programme shall comply not only with the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022, but also with the relevant provisions of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016, the Ph.D. Ordinance, Statutes, Regulations, Rules and Guidelines framed by the parent University, as amended from time to time. The University Ordinance shall govern all procedural and administrative matters not specifically covered under the UGC Regulations, including admission, registration, recognition of research centres and supervisors, constitution of committees, coursework, progress monitoring, thesis submission, evaluation, fee collection, maintenance of records and grievance redressal. In case of any inconsistency, the provisions of the UGC Regulations shall prevail.

8.3.1 Admission Process and Eligibility of Candidates

Admission to the Ph.D. programme shall be conducted strictly in accordance with Regulation 5 of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022 and the admission policy approved by the parent University. Subject to prior approval, the autonomous college may notify research vacancies, invite applications, verify eligibility, conduct the Ph.D. Entrance Test (PET) and interview, prepare the merit list and complete the admission process.

The autonomous college may also admit candidates exempted from PET under the UGC Regulations, such as those qualified through UGC-NET (including JRF), UGC-CSIR NET (including JRF), and GATE, CEED or any other national examination recognized by the UGC. The University shall clearly specify in its approval order whether admissions shall be made through (i) College PET, (ii) University PET, (iii) National Eligibility Tests, or (iv) a combination thereof. All admissions shall strictly comply with Government reservation policy, UGC Regulations and University Ordinances.

8.3.2 Registration of Ph.D. Scholars

While the autonomous college may complete the admission process, the registration of every Ph.D. scholar shall remain the exclusive statutory responsibility of the parent University. Registration is a statutory act recognizing the scholar as a candidate for a University degree. The autonomous college shall forward all admission records, eligibility documents, supervisor allocation, RAC recommendations and other prescribed documents to the University. After scrutiny, the University shall issue the registration order and maintain the official register of research scholars.

8.3.3 Constitution and Role of the Research Advisory Committee (RAC)

The autonomous college shall constitute a Research Advisory Committee (RAC) for every university recognized research centre in accordance with Regulation 8 of the UGC Regulations, 2022. The RAC shall guide the scholar, monitor research progress, review six-monthly progress reports, recommend completion of coursework, approve changes in research work where

necessary, conduct pre-submission review and certify the scholar's readiness for thesis submission. Copies of the proceedings and recommendations of the RAC shall be submitted to the University periodically for monitoring and record.

8.3.4 Recognition of Research Centers and Research Supervisors

Recognition of Research Centers, approval of research supervisors and co-supervisors, determination of research intake, continuation or withdrawal of recognition and approval of new research disciplines shall remain with the Parent University in accordance with the UGC Regulations, 2022 and University Ordinances. The autonomous college shall recommend proposals, but final approval shall be granted only by the University.

8.3.5 Conduct of Coursework and Research Facilities

The autonomous college shall conduct the Ph.D. coursework prescribed under the UGC Regulations and the University Ordinance, maintain attendance, evaluate coursework and forward the results to the University. It shall provide adequate laboratories, library resources, research equipment, ICT facilities, ethical committee approvals wherever applicable, plagiarism detection software and other research infrastructure necessary for maintaining quality standards.

8.3.6 Research Monitoring and Progress Review

The autonomous college shall monitor the progress of every research scholar through the RAC by conducting six-monthly progress reviews and maintaining comprehensive records. Progress reports, RAC recommendations and any observations regarding the research work shall be forwarded to the University for Review and record.

8.3 7 Pre-submission Seminar, Plagiarism Check and Thesis Submission

Before submission of the thesis, the autonomous college shall organize a pre-submission seminar, verify compliance with publication requirements, ensure that the thesis satisfies the plagiarism norms prescribed by the UGC and the University, obtain the recommendations of the RAC and forward the thesis together with all prescribed certificates and reports to the University.

8.3.8 Evaluation of Thesis and Award of the Ph.D. Degree

Since the Ph.D. degree is awarded by the University, the statutory responsibility for appointment of external examiners, evaluation of the thesis, conduct of the final viva-voce examination, declaration of results, issue of provisional certificates, award of the Ph.D. degree and submission of the thesis to Shodhganga shall remain exclusively with the parent University, unless otherwise permitted by the applicable UGC Regulations.

8.3.9 Financial Management and Fee Structure

The University shall prescribe a transparent mechanism for collection and sharing of fees through the Ordinance or Memorandum of Agreement. Ordinarily, the autonomous college may collect admission fee, tuition fee, coursework fee, laboratory fee, library fee, research facility fee and other institutional charges. The University shall collect or receive statutory charges such as registration fee, eligibility verification fee, thesis evaluation fee, examiner remuneration, degree

fee, convocation fee, Shodhganga processing fee and other University charges. The fee structure shall conform to the applicable norms of the Government of Maharashtra, UGC and AICTE, wherever applicable.

8.3.10 Maintenance of Records

The autonomous college shall maintain all records relating to admissions, coursework, attendance, RAC proceedings, progress reports, publications, plagiarism reports, financial transactions, thesis submission and research facilities. The University shall maintain the statutory records relating to registration, recognized supervisors, recognized research centers, thesis evaluation, and award of degrees and submission of theses to Shodhganga.

8.3.11 Quality Assurance, Inspection and Academic Audit

The University shall retain the authority to conduct periodic inspections, academic audits and research audits of autonomous colleges conducting Ph.D. programmes to ensure compliance with the UGC Regulations, the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 and the University Ordinances. The autonomous college shall provide full cooperation and make available all records and facilities required for such inspections.

8.3.12 Suspension or Withdrawal of Permission

The University may suspend admissions, withdraw recognition of a research Centre or revoke permission granted to an autonomous college to conduct the Ph.D. programme if it violates the provisions of the UGC Regulations, the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016, the University Ordinances or the conditions of approval, or fails to maintain the prescribed standards of research, ethics and academic quality.

Chapter 9: Introduction of New Programmes, Intake Variation & Closure

9.1 Introduction of New Academic Programmes

Starting a new degree or diploma programme requires strict adherence to dual approval processes:

- **Step 1:** Obtain academic approval from internal statutory bodies (BoS and Academic Council).
- **Step 2:** Submit proposal to BAMU for eligibility check and academic alignment.
- **Step 3:** Obtain formal permission from Government of Maharashtra and BAMU before enrolling students.

9.2 Programme Closure & Ordinance 152(B) Compliance

If an autonomous college intends to close or suspend any academic programme, it MUST obtain prior permission from BAMU and pay the prescribed closure fees as specified under Ordinance 152 (B). Students currently enrolled must be permitted to complete their degree without disruption.

Chapter 10: Academic & Administrative Audit (AAA) & Quality Inspection

10.1 University Rights of Audit & Inspection

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar retains statutory rights to conduct Academic and Administrative Audits (AAA) and surprise inspections of autonomous colleges to verify maintenance of academic standards, infrastructure, and governance. Autonomous college must pay AAA fees as per University Ordinance 1004.

10.2 Penalties & Intake Reduction for Deficiencies

UNIVERSITY POWERS TO REDUCE INTAKE CAPACITY

A. DEFICIENCY IN PRINCIPAL OR INFRASTRUCTURE: If an autonomous college fails to appoint a regular, qualified Principal, or if physical infrastructure, laboratories, or approved faculty strength fall below prescribed UGC/BAMU norms, the University Authority or Inspection Committee has explicit powers to REDUCE THE INTAKE CAPACITY of the autonomous college.

B. INSPECTION RIGHTS: University committees are authorized to conduct physical inspections, audit faculty rosters, verify equipment, and review examination integrity at any time.

11 Mandatory Participation in University Student Development Activities

Notwithstanding the grant of academic autonomy under the UGC (Conferment of Autonomous Status upon Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations, 2023, every Autonomous College affiliated with Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University shall remain an integral part of the University system for the purposes of student development, extension activities, sports, cultural programmes and national service initiatives.

Accordingly, every Autonomous College shall **mandatorily participate** in all University programmes organized through:

1. University Sports Board
2. Directorate of Students' Development (DSD)
3. National Service Scheme (NSS)
4. National Cadet Corps (NCC)
5. Youth Festival and Cultural Activities
6. Avishkar Research Convention
7. Extension Activities
8. Student Welfare Programmes
9. Inter-Collegiate Competitions and University Events
10. Any other programme notified by the University from time to time.

11.1 Institutional Responsibility

Every Autonomous College shall:

- Nominate coordinators as prescribed by the University.
- Register eligible students for University activities.
- Participate in sports tournaments, cultural festivals, NSS camps, NCC activities and DSD programmes.
- Submit reports and required information within prescribed timelines.
- Extend full cooperation to the University authorities.

11.1.2 Compliance with Statutory Service Rules

- Every Autonomous College shall ensure that the appointment, recruitment, probation, confirmation, promotion, pay fixation, increment, leave, maintenance and updating of Service Books, transfer, disciplinary proceedings, suspension, termination, retirement and other service matters of Teaching faculty, Principal, Librarian, Director / Instructor of Physical Education, Non-teaching staff, Administrative employees are carried out strictly in accordance with the applicable provisions of the UGC Regulations, Maharashtra Civil Services Rules (MCSR), 1981, Government of Maharashtra Rules, Government Resolutions (GRs), Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016, University Rules, Ordinances, Statutes, Regulations, circulars and other directions issued by the competent authorities from time to time.
- The constitution, composition, functions, powers, procedures and rules of all statutory, academic, administrative, disciplinary and other committees constituted by the Autonomous College shall be strictly in accordance with the applicable UGC Regulations, Government of Maharashtra Rules/GRs, Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016, University Statutes, Ordinances, Rules, Regulations and directions issued by the University or other competent authorities from time to time.
- Where any Committee is mandatorily required to be constituted under the UGC Regulations, Government of Maharashtra Rules/GRs, University Statutes, Ordinances or other applicable statutory provisions, the Autonomous College shall constitute such Committee in the prescribed manner and ensure compliance with its prescribed composition, tenure, functions, powers and procedures.
- An Autonomous College shall not frame, amend or implement any rule, regulation, procedure or committee mechanism that is inconsistent with or contrary to the mandatory provisions of the UGC, Government of Maharashtra or the University. The autonomy granted to the College shall not be construed as conferring unrestricted authority to alter, dilute, disregard or supersede such statutory provisions.
- Any additional committee or institutional mechanism created by the Autonomous College in exercise of its autonomous powers shall also comply with all applicable statutory provisions and shall not prejudice or replace any Committee that is required to be constituted under UGC, Government of Maharashtra or University rules.
- The Governing Body/Management and the Principal shall be responsible for ensuring that all service matters and committee-related matters are dealt with in accordance with the applicable statutory provisions, Government directions and University rules.
- The grant of autonomous status shall not exempt the College, its Governing Body, Principal, teaching staff or non-teaching staff from compliance with the applicable UGC Regulations, Government of Maharashtra Rules/GRs, Maharashtra Public Universities Act,

2016, University Statutes, Ordinances, Rules, Regulations and other directions issued by the competent authorities from time to time.

11.2 No Exemption on the Ground of Autonomy

Grant of autonomous status **shall not exempt** an Autonomous College from participating in University-level student development programmes. Academic autonomy is limited to academic and examination matters and shall not affect the college's obligations relating to student welfare, sports, NSS, NCC, cultural programmes, extension activities or any statutory activity conducted by the University.

11.3 Monitoring & Compliance

The University may monitor participation through the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, Directorate of Students' Development, NSS Cell, NCC Cell and other competent authorities. Every Autonomous College shall furnish reports and records whenever called upon by the University.

11.4 Consequences of Non-Compliance

Failure of an Autonomous College to participate in mandatory University student development programmes without sufficient cause may be treated as non-compliance with University directions and may attract one or more of the following actions in accordance with the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016, University Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations and applicable Executive Orders:

1. Show Cause Notice.
2. Monetary penalty or fine, wherever provided under University rules or as approved by the competent authority.
3. Withholding of University approvals, permissions or No Objection Certificates.
4. Adverse remarks in Academic and Administrative Audit (AAA).
5. Recommendation for appropriate action before the competent University authority.
6. Any other action permissible under the applicable University Act, Statutes, Ordinances or Regulations.

11.5 Responsibility Matrix

Academic / Administrative Function	Autonomous College	Parent University (BAMU)	Joint / Regulatory Oversight
Sports, NSS, NCC, DSD, Youth Festival & Cultural Activities	Mandatory participation and nomination of students/coordinators	Organizes, coordinates and monitors programmes	Participation compulsory for all affiliated autonomous colleges

Chapter 12: Division of Responsibilities Matrix (BAMU vs. Autonomous Colleges)

The operational matrix below details the distribution of administrative, academic, examination, and financial responsibilities:

No.	Academic / Administrative Function	Autonomous College	Parent University (BAMU)	Joint / Regulatory Oversight
1	Curriculum & Syllabus Design	Independent Execution	--	Aligned with NEP & UGC
2	Conduct of UG/PG Examinations	Independent Execution	Oversight & Audit	10% Fee Remittance to BAMU
3	Ph.D. Programme & Research Center	Follow BAMU Rules	Primary Jurisdiction	Circular 156/2021 Rules
4	Award of Final Degrees	Issues Mark sheets	Confers Degree at Convocation	Joint Degree Certificate
5	Intake Capacity Increase	Recommends	Approval Required	Govt. + BAMU Dual Approval
6	Fee Fixation & Revision	Proposes Fee	Fee Regulation Committee	Govt. GR 14 Jan 2019 Norms
7	PRN & ABC ID Integration	Uploads Student Data, Generates PRN & Eligibility	--	ABC Portal Synchronization
8	Transfer / Lateral Entry (3rd Yr)	Determines Equivalency, Updates Exam/Eligibility	--	Communication within 1 Mo.
9	Academic & Admin Audit (AAA)	Internal IQAC Audit	University AAA Inspection	Intake Reduction Penalty
10	Programme Closure / Suspension	Proposes Closure	Permission & Ord. 150,151,152,152(A) and 152(B) Fee	Protection of Enrolled Students

Chapter 13: Compliance Calendar, Checklists & Reporting Schedule

13.1.1 Communication of Major Academic and Administrative Decisions

- Autonomous Colleges shall communicate all major academic and administrative decisions to the University for information and record, including revision of tuition fees and other fees, introduction or discontinuation of programmes, changes in intake/admission policy, and other significant statutory decisions.

13.1.2 Submission of Statutory Resolutions

- Certified copies of relevant resolutions of the Governing Body, Academic Council, Finance Committee, and other statutory bodies shall be forwarded to the University within the prescribed time for information, monitoring, and record.

13.2 Ambiguity and Jurisdiction

Interpretation of Ambiguous Provisions: In the event of any ambiguity, doubt, inconsistency, or difficulty in the interpretation of any word, phrase, sentence, provision, clause, or paragraph contained in these Rules and Regulations, the interpretation and clarification issued by the Competent Authority of the University shall be final and binding.

Power to Issue Clarification: Where any College identifies or raises an issue regarding the meaning, interpretation, or applicability of any provision of these Rules and Regulations, the matter shall be referred to the University for Clarification. The University shall have the authority to issue such clarification, interpretation, or direction as may be necessary for the effective implementation of these Rules and Regulations.

Jurisdiction: In the event of any dispute or legal proceedings arising out of or in connection with these Rules and Regulations, the matter shall be subject to the jurisdiction of University Tribunal and then the **High Court of Judicature at Bombay, Bench at Aurangabad (Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar)**, subject to the applicable laws and judicial jurisdiction.

Right to Amend, Update and Revise the Handbook: The University reserves the right to amend, modify, update, supplement, or revise the provisions of this Handbook from time to time, as may be necessary in view of changes in the applicable UGC Regulations/Guidelines, Government of Maharashtra Government Resolutions (G.Rs.), the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016, Rules, Ordinances, Statutes, Regulations, Notifications, Circulars, judicial directions, or any other applicable statutory or regulatory requirements.

Such amendments or modifications may also be made to address emerging academic, administrative, legal, technological, or institutional requirements and shall take effect from the date specified by the University or from such other date as may be prescribed.

All Autonomous Colleges covered under this Handbook shall comply with such amendments, updates, clarifications, and directions issued by the University from time to time. In the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of this Handbook and any subsequent statutory provision, Government Resolution, UGC regulation, Ordinance, Statute, or other legally binding instrument, the latter shall prevail to the extent of such inconsistency.

The University reserves the right to issue corrigenda, addenda, amendments, clarifications, and supplementary provisions to this Handbook whenever considered necessary in the interest of academic standards, administrative efficiency, legal compliance, and effective implementation.

13.3 Institutional Self-Assessment Checklist

- Mandatory University NOC obtained prior to UGC autonomous grant.
- Governing Body, Academic Council, BoS, and Finance Committee constituted as per UGC 2023
- Rules.
- Regular qualified Principal appointed and approved by BAMU.
- Fee structure approved through University Fee Regulation Committee.
- No intake capacity increased without formal Govt. of Maharashtra & University permission.
- 10% Examination Fee share remitted to University within stipulated timelines.
- Major academic and administrative decisions communicated to the University for information and record.
- Certified copies of relevant statutory-body resolutions forwarded to the University within the prescribed time.
- Ph.D. Research Center operating strictly under University Regulations (Circular 156/2021)
- Annual faculty and admission report submitted within 1 month of academic year start.

Appendix A- Format

AFFIDAVIT-CUM-UNDERTAKING

By the Chairman of the Trust, Secretary of the Trust and Principal of the College
To be executed on appropriate non-judicial stamp paper and notarized, as applicable

Regarding Application for Autonomous Status

We, the undersigned:

1. **Shri./Smt. _____**, Chairman of
   _____ Trust;

2. **Shri./Smt. _____**, Secretary of
   _____ Trust; and

3. **Dr./Prof./Shri./Smt. _____**, Principal of
   _____ College,

having our office at _____, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare on oath as follows:

1. That our college, namely _____, affiliated to **Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar**, has applied for the grant of autonomous status, and the application is under consideration. The college has not yet been granted autonomous status.
2. That we have carefully read and thoroughly studied the *on Academic and Administrative Guidelines for Autonomous Colleges (Handbook & Operational Manual)* (hereinafter referred to as Handbook) issued by Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.
3. That we have understood the rules, regulations, guidelines, conditions, responsibilities and obligations mentioned in the said Handbook and are aware of the requirements applicable to a college seeking autonomous status.
4. That we undertake to comply with all applicable rules, regulations, guidelines, conditions and directions prescribed by the University, the University Grants

Commission (UGC), the State Government and other competent statutory authorities in connection with our application for autonomous status and, if autonomy is granted, throughout the period of autonomy.

5. That we understand that the grant of autonomous status is subject to the fulfilment of prescribed eligibility criteria, compliance with applicable regulations and approval by the competent authority. Submission of this affidavit shall not be construed as a claim that autonomous status has already been granted to our college.
6. That, if autonomous status is granted, we undertake to implement and comply with the applicable provisions of the said Handbook, including those relating to academic administration, curriculum design, teaching and learning, examinations and evaluation, governance, financial accountability, infrastructure, faculty, student welfare, maintenance of records and quality assurance.
7. That we understand that any violation of applicable rules, regulations, conditions or directions, or any failure to comply with the requirements prescribed for autonomous colleges after the grant of autonomy, may invite appropriate action by the competent authority, including suspension, withdrawal or other adverse consequences affecting the autonomous status of the college, as permissible under the applicable laws and regulations.
8. That the Chairman of the Trust, the Secretary of the Trust and the Principal of the College jointly undertake to ensure that the college administration remains informed about and complies with the applicable requirements and that all necessary steps are taken to maintain academic standards, transparency, accountability and quality in higher education.
9. That this affidavit-cum-undertaking is being executed voluntarily and in good faith in support of our college's application for autonomous status, and the statements made herein are true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

VERIFICATION

We, the above-named deponents, do hereby verify that the contents of paragraphs 1 to 9 of this affidavit-cum-undertaking are true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief, and that no material information has been concealed therefrom.

Verified at _____ on this _____ day of _____***, 20***.

DEPONENTS

1. Signature: _____

   Name: _____

   Chairman of the Trust

   Seal: _____

2. Signature: _____

   Name: _____

   Secretary of the Trust

   Seal: _____

3. Signature: _____

   Name: _____

   Principal of the College

   Seal: _____

Solemnly affirmed and signed before me

Signature and Seal of Notary Public / Oath Commissioner

Place: _____

Date: _____

Registration No.: _____