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शिवाजी विद्यापीठ, कोल्हापूर

परिपत्रक

विषय- विधी महाविद्यालयांची तात्काळ प्रत्यक्ष तपासणी, पायाभूत सुविधा व शिक्षक वर्ग पडताळणी तसेच बार कौन्सिल ऑफ इंडिया (BCI) च्या नियमांच्या अनुपालन अहवालाबाबत....

संदर्भ - बार कौन्सिल ऑफ इंडिया (BCI) चे परिपत्रक क्र. BCI:D:4697/2026,
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महोदय / महोदया,

उपरोक्त विषय व संदर्भांकित पत्राच्या अनुषंगाने आपणास कळविण्यात येते की, मा. सर्वोच्च न्यायालयाने के. आर. सुदर्शन विरुद्ध बार कौन्सिल ऑफ तामिळनाडू आणि पॉडिचेरी या खटल्याच्या सुनावणीदरम्यान विधी शिक्षणाचा दर्जा आणि त्रुटी असलेल्या विधी महाविद्यालयांच्या कामकाजाबाबत अत्यंत गंभीर मौखिक निरीक्षणे नोंदवली आहेत. याची तीव्र दखल घेत बार कौन्सिल ऑफ इंडिया (BCI) ने देशातील सर्व संलग्न विद्यापीठांना त्यांच्या अंतर्गत येणाऱ्या प्रत्येक विधी महाविद्यालयाची तात्काळ प्रत्यक्ष व सर्वसमावेशक तपासणी करण्याचे कडक निर्देश दिले आहेत.

या आदेशाचे अनुपालन करण्यासाठी शिवाजी विद्यापीठाने आपल्या अधिकारक्षेत्रातील सर्व विधी महाविद्यालयांची प्रत्यक्ष तपासणी करण्यासाठी विशेष सक्षम समित्या (Inspection Teams) गठीत केल्या आहेत. सदर समित्या पुढील काही दिवसांत आपल्या महाविद्यालयास भेट देऊन प्रत्यक्ष तपासणी करणार आहेत. तसेच सदर तपासणी केवळ कागदोपत्री पुरावे, प्रतिज्ञापत्रे किंवा ऑनलाइन सादरीकरणापुरती मर्यादित असणार नाही.

सदर तपासणी दरम्यान खालील बाबींची काटेकोर पडताळणी केली जाईल :

१. पूर्णवेळ शिक्षक वर्ग (Core Faculty) पडताळणी: यामध्ये विधी महाविद्यालयातील प्राचार्य व मुख्य शिक्षकांची प्रत्यक्ष उपस्थिती, शैक्षणिक पात्रता, नियुक्ती पत्रे, कामाचा कार्यभार (Workload), बायोमेट्रिक हजेरी आणि सेवापुस्तके तपासली जातील तसेच सर्व शिक्षकांचे वेतन यु.जी.सी. (UGC) नियमानुसार आणि थेट बँक खात्याद्वारे दिले जात असल्याची पडताळणी केली जाईल. अर्धवेळ (Part-time) किंवा अभ्यागत (Visiting) शिक्षकांना पूर्णवेळ शिक्षकाचे पर्याय म्हणून ग्राह्य धरले जाणार नाही.
२. भौतिक व शैक्षणिक पायाभूत सुविधा : महाविद्यालयाची इमारत, वर्गखोल्यांचे आकारमान, सुसज्ज वाचनालय (नवीनतम पुस्तके, जर्नल्स आणि ई-डेटाबेस सह), कॉम्प्युटर लॅब, इंटरनेट सुविधा, स्वतंत्र व कार्यरत मूट कोर्ट रुम (Moot Court Room), विधी सहाय्य केंद्र (Legal Aid Clinic) आणि पुरेशी प्रसाधने (Sanitation) यांची प्रत्यक्ष पाहणी व मोजणी केली जाईल.
३. नियमित वर्ग व वेळापत्रक : BCI च्या नियमानुसार विधी अभ्यासक्रम हा 'नियमित' (Regular Course) असणे बंधनकारक असून दररोज किमान ५ तास आणि आठवड्याला किमान ३० तास अध्यापन होणे आवश्यक आहे. नोकरदार किंवा अर्धवेळ विद्यार्थ्यांसाठी चालवले जाणारे अनधिकृत रात्रीचे (Evening), शनिवार-रविवारचे (Weekend) किंवा शिफ्ट-बेस्ड (Shift) वर्ग तात्काळ बंद करण्याचे निर्देश असून असे प्रकार आढळल्यास प्रवेश तात्काळ रद्द करण्याचे आदेश दिले जातील.

४. जिओ-टॅग्ड (Geo-tagged) पुरावे : तपासणी समिती सर्व खोल्यांचे मोजमाप, पायाभूत सुविधा आणि विद्यार्थ्यांची उपस्थिती यांचे दिनांक व वेळेसह जिओ-टॅग्ड (Geo-tagged) फोटो व दस्तऐवज अहवालासोबत जोडावे लागणार आहेत. महाविद्यालयाच्या इमारतीचा कोणताही भाग इतर व्यावसायिक वापरासाठी वळवला गेला नसल्याची खात्री करण्यात येईल.

५. BCI ची वैध मंजूरी : महाविद्यालयातील प्रत्येक तुकडी (Section) आणि अभ्यासक्रमाला बार कौन्सिल ऑफ इंडियाची (BCI) चालू शैक्षणिक वर्षाची वैध व पूर्व मंजूरी असणे अनिवार्य आहे. मंजूरी नसलेल्या कोणत्याही तुकडीमध्ये प्रवेश दिले असल्यास ते बेकायदेशीर ठरवले जातील.

महत्वाची सूचना :-

ज्या महाविद्यालयांमध्ये गंभीर त्रुटी, बनावट शिक्षक रेकॉर्ड, दिशाभूल करणारे दस्तऐवज किंवा अनधिकृत वर्ग आढळतील त्यांची विद्यापीठ संलग्नता (Affiliation) कोणत्याही पूर्वसूचनेशिवाय तात्काळ निलंबित किंवा रद्द करण्यात येईल आणि तसा अहवाल बार कौन्सिल ऑफ इंडियाला सादर केला जाईल.

तरी आपल्या महाविद्यालयाने वरील सर्व मूळ दस्तऐवज, बँक स्टेटमेंट, हजेरी पत्रके आणि पायाभूत सुविधांच्या नोंदींसह तपासणी समितीला उपलब्ध करून द्यावे आणि समितीस आवश्यक ते पूर्ण सहकार्य करावे.

कळावे,

आपला विश्वासू,

श्री दिपक द. अडगळे

उपकुलसचिव
संलग्नता टी-2 विभाग

सोबत :- वरीलप्रमाणे.

संदर्भ क्र. शिवाजी वि/संलग्नता/टी-2/शा.टे./ Nc 1 3 5 3 /

दि. 06 AUG 2026

प्रति,

मा.प्राचार्य,

विद्यापीठ संलग्नीत सर्व विधी महाविद्यालये,
शिवाजी विद्यापीठ, कोल्हापूर.



भारतीय विधिज्ञ परिषद् BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA

(Statutory Body Constituted under the Advocates Act, 1961)

21, Rouse Avenue Institutional Area, Near Bal Bhawan, New Delhi - 110002

BCI:D:4697/2026

Date: 23.07.2026

To,

The Vice-Chancellors and Registrars of all Universities imparting legal education

The Deans and Heads of Faculties, Departments and Schools of Law of all Universities

Sub.: Immediate inspection of every Centre of Legal Education, verification of compliance with the Rules of Legal Education, 2008, discontinuance of impermissible weekend or evening arrangements, and submission of fresh University inspection reports within six weeks

Sir/Ma'am

1. The Bar Council of India has taken serious note of the strong oral observations reportedly made by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India during the hearing of K. R. Sudersan v. Bar Council of Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry concerning the quality of institutions imparting legal education and the continuing operation of deficient law colleges. Although the reported observations were made during the course of hearing they underscore the immediate need for every authority in the statutory and academic chain to discharge its own continuing responsibility with complete seriousness.
2. The responsibility of an affiliating University does not end with the initial grant of affiliation. A University is the authority having the closest and most continuous academic and administrative supervision over its constituent and affiliated Centres of Legal Education. It approves admissions, receives student returns, conducts examinations, appoints or approves examiners, interacts with the Principal and possesses powers under its statutes, ordinances and affiliation regulations to inspect, suspend or withdraw affiliation. The University must therefore ensure that no Centre of Legal Education continues merely on the strength of paper compliance.
3. Rule 11 of the Rules of Legal Education, 2008 expressly provides that "Any institution conducting legal education by running either of the law degree courses or both leading to conferment of graduate degree in law on successful completion of the course shall have minimum standard infrastructure facility stipulated by the Bar Council of India specified in Schedule III of these Rules. The University shall ensure that all its Centres of Legal Education under the University maintain the standard prescribed by the Bar Council of India." This is a continuing and enforceable obligation and not a one-time formality.

4. Every University is accordingly directed to constitute one or more competent inspection teams and to conduct an immediate physical inspection of each and every constituent and affiliated Centre of Legal Education under it. The inspection shall be actual, comprehensive and institution-specific. It shall not be confined to affidavits, photographs, online submissions or documents furnished by the management.
5. The inspection team shall verify, among other matters, exclusive availability of faculties, faculty rooms, the suitability and adequacy of classrooms, library, reading area, current textbooks, journals, reports and electronic databases, computer facilities, internet access, a dedicated and functional moot court room, common rooms, the land and building, the actual room-wise use of the premises, fire and safety compliance, accessibility, sanitation, administrative offices, student facilities, accession records, legal aid clinic, seminar and tutorial facilities, and all other requirements under the Rules of Legal Education, 2008 and the circulars, guidelines and approval conditions issued by the Bar Council of India.
6. Faculty verification shall be undertaken with particular care. The team shall verify the actual presence, qualifications, appointment letters, joining reports, workload, attendance, salary payment through banking channels, UGC pay compliance, service records and exclusivity of the Principal and core faculty. Rule 17 requires a sufficient number of full-time core faculty members at all times. Part-time or visiting faculty may support the prescribed core faculty, but cannot be used as a substitute for the required full-time core faculty. Mere production of names on paper or temporary presence on the date of inspection shall not be accepted.
7. The University shall also ascertain whether any Centre of Legal Education is conducting weekend classes, evening classes, compressed classes, shift-based classes or any other arrangement intended to accommodate part-time students or working persons in a manner inconsistent with a regular course of study. The Rules define a regular course of study as one running for at least five hours a day, with the prescribed recess, and for not less than thirty hours of working schedule per week. Any arrangement that dilutes the mandatory regular character of the law course, substitutes occasional weekend or evening teaching for regular instruction, or facilitates proxy attendance shall be stopped forthwith. Admissions to such impermissible arrangements shall not be permitted.
8. Each inspection report shall contain clear findings against every applicable norm, supported by dated and geo-tagged photographs, room measurements, faculty verification sheets, salary and attendance records, library accession and subscription details, student strength, sanctioned intake, class timetable and such other documentary material as may establish the true position. The report shall specifically state whether the Centre is operating from the premises earlier inspected and approved and whether any part of the approved building has been diverted to another institution, course or commercial use.

9. Where any Centre of Legal Education is found deficient in essential infrastructure, building, classrooms, faculty, library, moot court room, legal aid clinic, prescribed teaching hours, regularity of classes or any other mandatory BCI norm, the University shall not grant or continue affiliation as a routine matter. It shall immediately initiate and complete withdrawal or discontinuance of affiliation in accordance with the applicable University statute. Serious deficiencies should be immediately reported to the Bar Council of India for appropriate action.
10. Any case in which affiliation is suspended, withdrawn, not renewed or made subject to corrective action shall be reported immediately to the Bar Council of India with the complete inspection report. The University shall also inform the Bar Council of India of any false declaration, fabricated faculty record, misleading photograph, shifting of premises, excess admission, unapproved course, unauthorised section or concealment discovered during inspection. The University shall further verify, course-wise, section-wise and academic-session-wise, whether every Centre of Legal Education possesses subsisting approval of the Bar Council of India. University affiliation, whether permanent or temporary, shall not be treated as a substitute for BCI approval. No admission shall be permitted in any Centre, course, section or intake which does not possess prior and current approval of the Bar Council of India, as mandated by Rule 14 of the Rules of Legal Education, 2008
11. The entire exercise, including inspection of every Centre of Legal Education, scrutiny by the University, passing of appropriate orders and submission of a consolidated University-wise report to the Bar Council of India, shall be completed within six weeks from the date of receipt of this letter. The report shall separately classify institutions as fully compliant, deficient but capable of immediate correction without affecting academic standards, and seriously deficient requiring suspension, non-renewal or withdrawal of affiliation.
12. Until fresh and satisfactory inspection reports are received from the Universities, the Bar Council of India shall consider renewal or continuation of approval only on the basis of the material available and may withhold or defer renewal wherever the University has not discharged the inspection and reporting obligation under this direction. No University shall recommend renewal of BCI approval merely by forwarding an existing affiliation letter or an unverified self-declaration of the Centre of Legal Education.
13. The Bar Council of India expects the Universities to treat this exercise as a matter of urgent academic and institutional responsibility. The object is not to disrupt genuine institutions or prejudice students, but to ensure that every law degree recognised for enrolment as an advocate is earned through real teaching, adequate infrastructure, qualified full-time faculty, meaningful practical training and strict compliance with the prescribed standards. Universities are required to act decisively against institutions that compromise these requirements.

14. Receipt of this letter shall be acknowledged within three working days together with the name, designation, mobile number and email address of the University Nodal Officer appointed for implementation. A list of all Centres of Legal Education under the University, course-wise and campus-wise, should also be furnished forthwith. Any failure to complete the exercise within the stipulated period shall be placed before the competent committee of the Bar Council of India for appropriate regulatory consideration.
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This is for your information and for urgent and necessary compliance



Srimanto Sen
Principal Secretary
Bar Council of India