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| 1 | The Registrar,
Rai University,
Village - Saroda, Taluka - Dholka,
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School of Law,
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Sub: Extension of provisional approval of affiliation to School of Law, Rai University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat for imparting three year LL.B degree course with intake of one section of 60 students for a period of one year i.e. for the academic year 2025-2026 subject to compliance of Rules of Legal Education, 2008 and all circulars/directives/guidelines/notifications issued from time to time by the Bar Council of India with respect to maintenance of standards of Legal Education in addition to the specific clauses mentioned herein under in this letter.

Sir/Ma'am,

This is with reference to above mentioned subject regarding extension of provisional approval of affiliation to **School of Law, Rai University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat** which has already applied for extension of approval of affiliation for the academic year 2025-2026.

You are allowed to admit students in imparting three year LL.B degree course with intake of one section of 60 students for a period of one year i.e. for the academic year 2025-2026.

The provisional approval of affiliation shall be conditional and is subject to every Centre of Legal Education/college being required to submit a certified authenticated bank statement bearing bank stamp, date and signature, mandatorily with respect to the salary/ies being disbursed to all the teachers/faculties with effect from April, 2024. The bank statements for the upcoming months must be continued to be submitted every three months without fail, and CLE is also required to furnish list of teachers with qualifications as per BCI and UGC Rules, and further furnish proof/receipts of fulfillment of minimum library requirements, as enumerated under Schedule-III, Rule-15, Minimum Library requirements of Legal Education Rules-which is the sine qua non of a Centre of Legal Education. Certain show cause notices and compliance letters had also been issued specifically to certain Centers of Legal Education/Colleges, with conditions mentioned therein, which have to be complied too as per the time stipulations therein, and if they have not been complied with they must be complied with immediately.

Ensure to comply with the aforesaid compliances, otherwise the provisional approval of affiliation being issued herewith may be withdrawn.

Certain specific details are provided herein for your convenience with the approval Committee and they are also specifically required to be complied with by every CLE in view of Rules of Legal Education, 2008 and circulars, guidelines, directives, public notification issued by the Bar Council of India from time to time for maintenance of standards of Legal Education, failing which approval of affiliation granted may be withdrawn and future approval may not be considered:-

Faculty

As per Rule-16 and Rule-17 of Schedule III of Legal Education Rules, 2008, the minimum requirement for three year LL.B degree course with 1 or 2 section/s is 4 faculty in first year, 6 in second year, 8 by the third year alongwith 1 Principal. Furthermore, in addition there should be adequate English, Computer teachers in the ratio of 1:40 and there should be 1 qualified librarian. If the strength goes beyond 2 sections, the entire ratio of all faculty members should be 1:40.

Similarly, the minimum requirement for five year integrated degree course with 1 or 2 section/s is 6 in first year, 8 in second year, 10 from third year. Principal will be common.

For specialization or Honours courses, there has to be a minimum of 3 teachers for such specialized course 1 major and 2 minor apart from having English and Computer teacher. Kindly note that these faculty members have to be in the ratio of 1:40 for the years they are studying such subjects during the entire duration of the course.

The faculty is required to be adequately qualified with minimum 2 year LL.M degree for teaching Law or have any other higher degree for teaching law subjects. The non-law teachers with respect to social science must have a minimum of MA in that particular social science subjects being taught. 1 major and 2 minor social science subjects have to be taught in the 5 years BA Integrated degree course. The principal or equivalent is required to have minimum prescribed qualifications in law prescribed by UGC, and should have minimum 15 years of experience. He/she has to be a Professor in law with Ph.d in law.

They are required to be paid as per salary as per latest UGC pay scale commensurate to their designation as Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and/or Professor.

Library Enhancements

The institute should invest in acquiring more reference and textbooks of the latest editions of authors of repute. Allocate an annual budget of at least Rs. 10 lakhs for purchasing new reference books, textbooks, and journals. Furthermore, the CLE should establish an e-library by subscribing to reputable e-law journals and acquiring electronic databases of law journals, as specified in the Rules of Legal Education.

-Ensure the library is open for reasonable hours to accommodate student needs.

-Create adequate reading space for students and upgrade the overall infrastructure of the library.

As per Schedule III, provision 4, 6 and 15-A Law Library has have a set of AIR manual, Combo offer of CD of AIR Pvt. Ltd. (containing electronic version of AIR Supreme Court and High Court Data bases Research 1950-2015 (four connections each) Cr. L.J. Data Base 1950-2015(four connections) AIR Privy Council Data Base 1900-1950 (four connections) AIR Manual latest 6th Edition(1-45 Vols.) AIR Journal 2015, Cr. L.J. 2015, L.I.C. 2015, AIR Civil Cases 2015, AIR Law Lines 2015, AIR Cheque Dishonour Reports 2015, AIR Accident Claims and compensation 2015, Institution shall get electronic versions updated every year by AIR Pvt. Ltd. Central Acts and Local Acts, Criminal law journal, SCC, Company cases, Indian Bar Review, selected Judgements

on Professional Ethics and Journals with the back volumes for at least ten years and also such number of text books in each subjects taught during the period according to the minimum standard ratio of ten books for each registered students. For running integrated program, textbooks of such other subjects are also to be kept in the similar minimum ratio.

The Library has to have adequate space for keeping books, periodicals, and journals.

The library shall also have adequate reading space for at least 25% of the enrolled students according to per capita reading space specified by any standard setting bodies like UGC. (Rule 4).

The Library has to have adequate space in the library for computer facility with access to internet and national and international library access and data bases. (Rule 6).

Equip the library with at least 30 computers. As per schedule III clause 9 (b) Computer Education has to be made compulsory for all the students.

Classroom size and Furnishings:

The CLE should ensure to have adequate number of classrooms to accommodate all batches of students across all years for all law degree course/s. All classrooms should be of minimum 750 Sq. ft. and refurbished with new, comfortable chairs and benches to ensure a conducive learning environment. Proper size and standard furnishings are necessary to meet the requirements of Rules of legal Education. Further advised to create/establish one smart classroom and install the projectors in the classrooms which are without the projector.

Moot Court

The Moot Court Room must be equipped with all necessary amenities to simulate courtroom proceedings effectively. It should have a dedicated space, distinct from other uses, and adhere to the Bar Council of India norms, including the provision of three wooden Crown Chairs for judges, podiums for counsels, a witness box, and a designated podium for the Registry (supporting staff).

The size of the Moot Court Room should be sufficient to accommodate at least 70 percent of the student and faculty strength, as well as external participants and invitees, ensuring ample space for effective conduct of moot court activities.

The Centre for Legal Education (CLE) shall place the Moot Court Room under the management of a senior faculty member along with a regular practicing advocate from the local courts. They will oversee the organization of moot court activities and maintain comprehensive records of all proceedings and events.

Legal Aid Services

The Centre for Legal Education (CLE) must strengthen its provision of free legal aid services to the local community in accordance with Clause 11, Schedule III of Rule 11 of the Legal Education Rules, 2008, by ensuring adequate publicity and collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority. The Legal Aid Centre should be strategically relocated to the ground floor near the main entry door for greater accessibility, with prominent signage displayed at both the entrance of the CLE campus and the main entry door, clearly indicating available services and contact information. The centre should be adequately furnished with comfortable seating for visitors and maintain comprehensive records of its activities, including registers and visuals of awareness programs conducted, which should be displayed both inside and outside the Legal Aid Centre to enhance visibility and outreach.

Common Rooms

The Centre for Legal Education (CLE) must provide well-furnished, adequately equipped, and separately designated Boys' and Girls' Common Rooms in the Academic

Building to ensure enhanced comfort, privacy, and recreational facilities for students. The Girls' Common Room should be allocated a spacious and decent room with an attached washroom, drinking water facility, and two beds encircled with curtains for privacy. It should be furnished with at least 20 comfortable chairs, a common table, a mirror, a dressing table, and indoor games kits, along with a first-aid kit for emergencies. Similarly, the Boys' Common Room should be assigned a suitably sized room equipped with 20 comfortable chairs, indoor games kits, sports facilities, and a first-aid kit to address medical needs.

Minimum Attendance

The relevant rule regarding the minimum attendance requirements in order to appear for the end semester test is mentioned under Rule 12 of the Rules of Legal Education, 2008 which is:

"12. End semester test: No student of any of the degree program shall be allowed to take the end semester test in a subject if the student concerned has not attended minimum of 70% of the classes held in the subject concerned as also the moot court room exercises, tutorials and practical training conducted in the subject taken together.

Provided that if a student for any exceptional reasons fail to attend 70% of the classes held in any subject, the Dean of the University or the Principal of the Centre of Legal Education, as the case may be, may allow the student to take the test if the student concerned attended at least 65% of the classes held in the subject concerned and attended 70% of classes in all the subjects taken together. The similar power shall rest with the Vice Chancellor or Director of a National Law University, or his authorized representative in the absence of the Dean of Law.

Provided further that a list of such students allowed to take the test with reasons recorded be forwarded to the Bar Council of India."

Waste Management

The institution should keep the disposal of wastes management properly. Proper waste management practices must be implemented throughout the College. This includes the installation of dustbins in all classrooms, moot court rooms, common rooms, and staff areas to ensure cleanliness and effective waste disposal.

Accessibility Improvements

To accommodate differently abled students and staff, the institution must make necessary provisions, including the construction of ramps, lifts, and the installation of Braille symbols, ensuring compliance with accessibility standards and it should be exclusive for Law students, staff and faculty so that it is convenient for the differently abled students considering their right to access

Disaster Management and Fire Safety:

The Centre for Legal Education (CLE) must ensure comprehensive fire safety measures across the campus, including the installation of fire extinguishers in key areas, provision of emergency exit lighting, and strategically placed fire alarms. Additionally, adequate fire prevention and preparedness protocols should be implemented, including regular safety drills and clear emergency evacuation routes to safeguard the well-being of all occupants.

✓ ***You may kindly bear in mind that the Bar Council of India is the sole and supreme sanctioning authority for seats and it does not allow any supernumerary quota of seats for law degree courses, over and above the sanctioned strength of seats and whatever reservation of seats is to be done by the***

University under whichever quota as a rule has to be done within sanctioned strength of seats. The only supernumerary quota, as of now permitted by the Bar Council of India, is 10 percent seats in EWS quota over and above the sanctioned strength of seats allotted/approved by BCI and that too, is subject to adequate infrastructure and qualified faculty to accommodate the supernumerary seats. The same is required to be adhered to. If there is any default on such part and the same is discovered subsequently, action shall ensue.

If any CLE, has already admitted the same, in violation of the regulations, the CLE would be advised to declare the same voluntarily for consideration of the same in a manner which will not be detrimental to interests of the students admitted, if any, over and above the sanctioned seats as a one time opportunity. The same shall not be construed to be applied prospectively.

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➤ It is pertinent to point that no University in India can offer a 4 year LL.B or integrated LL.B, followed by a 1 year LL.M in tie up with a foreign University under the present BCI regulations. Such a Law degree, nor the post qualification after it, is recognised by Bar Council of India. The BCI only recognizes the pattern of a 12th class +3 (graduation in any stream+3 (year Law degree) and/or a 12 + 5 year integrated law degree.

➤ While exchange programs of teachers and students have been undertaken by Centers of Legal Education including, Law Universities in India, Dual Degrees or joint Degrees with Foreign Universities have not been permitted or recognized by BCI. It is essential to emphasize that any foreign collaboration involving legal education institutions, must strictly adhere to the regulatory framework established by the Bar Council of India. It cannot compromise on the quality of legal education mandated by the BCI. It's worth noting that unless a degree is recognized by the BCI in India, it holds no validity within the country. Therefore, a degree obtained from an Indian University, being recognized solely in a foreign jurisdiction, without recognition in India, would be of no consequence to the university or its students.

➤ Recognition and approval of law degrees are exclusively within the purview of the Bar Council of India. Consequently, if, upon thorough evaluation it is determined Law degrees are being issued by Universities against the rules and norms of Bar Council of India, recognition of such degree/s shall be withdrawn and such degree holders shall not be entitled to be enrolled in any State Bar Council in India.