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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
(Department of Higher Education)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,
Dated the 29th February, 2008.

NOTIFICATION

Whereas the Central Government is empowered under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act, 1956 to declare, on the advice of the UGC, an institution of higher learning as a deemed-to-be-university.

2. And whereas, a proposal was received from Bijapur Liberal District Educational Association, Bijapur, Karnataka seeking status of deemed-to-be-university to Shri B.M. Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre, Bijapur in the name of 'BLDE University' under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956;

3. And whereas, the University Grants Commission have examined the said proposal and vide their communication No.F.26-13/2007 (CPP-I) dated the 28th December 2007 have recommended conferment of status of 'deemed-to-be-university' to Shri B.M. Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre in the name and style of BLDE University, Bijapur, Karnataka, under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, initially for a period of 5 years;

4. Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, the Central Government, on the advice of the University Grants Commission (UGC), hereby declare Shri B.M. Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre, Bijapur, Karnataka as deemed-to-be-university in the name and style of "BLDE University" for the purposes of the aforesaid Act, provisionally for a period of 5 years, with effect from the date on which the aforesaid Medical College is disaffiliated from its affiliating university, viz., Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Karnataka, Bangalore, subject to a condition that the status conferred upon the BLDE University will be reviewed by the UGC with the help of an Expert Committee before the expiry of the 5-year period. The status shall be confirmed only on the basis of the inspection and assessment report of UGC's Expert Review Committee and the recommendations of the UGC thereon;

5. The declaration made in para 4 above is subject to further conditions mentioned at Sr. No.5 of the endorsement to this Notification;

6. Neither the Government of India nor the University Grants Commission shall provide any Plan and Non-Plan grant-in-aid to BLDE University or its constituent teaching units.

(Ravi Mathur)
Joint Secretary to the Government of India

The Manager,
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Faridabad (Haryana).

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1. The Secretary, University Grants Commission, Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi - 110002. UGC shall ensure that the review that is required to be conducted as per this Notification, is held sufficiently in advance, so that a decision on the continuation or otherwise of the status is enabled before the expiry of the said five-year period.
2. Director, Distance Education Council, Indira Gandhi National Open University, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi.
3. The Under Secretary, (ME-P.II), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Department of Health), Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi - 110011.
4. The Secretary, Medical Council of India (MCI), Pocket – 14, Sector-8, Dwarka, Phase-I, New Delhi-110075.
5. The President, BLDE University, Bijapur, Karnataka. The declaration as made in para 4 of this Notification shall be further subject to the following conditions that:-
 - (i) The management of Shri B.M. Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre, Bijapur shall legally vest with BLDE University, the Society created to manage the affairs of the deemed-to-be-university institution.
 - (ii) All the moveable and immovable assets of Shri B.M. Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre, Bijapur should be legally transferred and vested with the BLDE University, the Society

formed to manage the 'deemed-to-be-university' institution, and registered as such in the interest of future of students, members of faculty, employees and for maintaining the standards of higher education. A report on compliance in this regard shall be submitted to the UGC and this Ministry at the earliest.

- (iii) BLDE University and the Society that will be managing it, should not undertake or engage in any activities that are of commercial and profit making in nature.
- (iv) The corpus fund created by the BLDE University Society should be irrevocable in nature and should not be liquidated without the prior consent of the UGC. Accordingly, BLDE University Society shall submit an undertaking in this respect to the UGC immediately and also take necessary action in consultation with the UGC to ensure irrevocability of the corpus fund.
- (v) The academic programmes being offered or to be offered by BLDE University will conform to the norms and standards prescribed by the relevant Statutory Councils such as the UGC, MCI, etc. BLDE University shall not offer / award, as the case may be, any degrees that are not specified by the UGC. BLDE University shall also ensure that the nomenclatures of the degrees, etc. to be awarded by it are specified by the UGC under Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956.
- (vi) BLDE University shall not start new academic courses without obtaining prior approval of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and/or the concerned Statutory Councils such as MCI, etc., as the case may be.
- (vii) BLDE University, as a deemed-to-be-university, shall award degrees in respect of the courses run by the institution mentioned in para 4 of this notification only to those students who are admitted subsequent to the date of this notification. Accordingly, it shall make admission and enrolment of students to the academic courses of the said medical college under it (i.e. under BLDE University) only with effect from the ensuing academic year (i.e. from 2008-2009).
- (viii) As for the students who were already admitted to Shri B.M. Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre prior to the date of this notification, they shall continue to pursue their courses of study under affiliation to the present affiliating university, namely, the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS), Bangalore, which shall conduct examinations for them and award

degrees to them upon successful completion of the courses/programmes of study they are pursuing at the college presently.

- (ix) All the prescribed norms and procedures of the relevant Statutory Councils, such as UGC, MCI, etc. and other authorities concerned in the matter of admission of students, intake capacity of students, starting of new courses/ programmes, renewal of approval to the courses, etc. will continue to be in force, and shall be adhered to by the BLDE University.
- (x) BLDE University shall take all the required steps to get itself rated for valid accreditation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in terms of instructions issued by the UGC vide its circular No.F.6-1(7)/2006(CPP-I) dated the 12th March, 2007.
- (xi) BLDE University shall not conduct any distance education programmes without prior approval of UGC and Distance Education Council (DEC). The guidelines issued by both the DEC and the UGC from time to time in the matter of imparting education through distance mode have to be complied with by it.
- (xii) BLDE University shall not start and run any study centre / *off-campus* centre / *off-shore* campus without obtaining the requisite prior approval of the UGC/ Government of India, as the case may be.
- (xiii) As and when necessary, the BLDE University Society shall suitably amend and update its MoA/Rules in consultation and in concurrence with the UGC. Specific changes/amendments, if any, suggested by the Government of India or UGC shall also be carried out by the deemed-to-be-university institution in its MoA/Rules with the approval of the UGC.
- (xiv) BLDE University shall strictly abide by all the norms and guidelines as laid down by the UGC and other Statutory Councils such as Medical Council of India, etc. from time to time, as are applicable to institutions notified as 'Deemed-to-be-Universities'
- (xv) Suggestions, if any, made by the UGC's Expert Visiting Committees during its visit at the institute or in its inspection report submitted to the UGC, should be followed by BLDE University so as to rectify deficiencies, if any, to bring about the recommended improvement.

6. Vice Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS), Karnataka, 4th 'T' Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore - 586041. The University is expected to take action in accordance with Endorsement 5(viii) regarding students already enrolled with it at the Shri B.M Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre, Bijapur as per the assurance given by it vide its letter Ref. No.RP/111/2007-08 dated 28.1.2008.
7. The Principal Secretary to the Government of Karnataka, Department of Higher Education, Government of Karnataka Secretariat, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore-560001.
8. The Secretary to Government of Karnataka, Health & Family Welfare Department (Medical Education), Karnataka Government Secretariat, Vikasa Soudha, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Road, Bangalore – 560001.
9. Director of Medical Education, Ananda Rao Circle, Bangalore – 560009.
10. Press Information Bureau, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.
11. The Secretary-General, Association of Indian Universities, A.I.U. House, 16 Kotla Marg, New Delhi - 110002.
12. The General Secretary, Bijapur Liberal District Educational Association, Smt. Bangaramma Sajjan Campus, Sholapur Road, Bijapur – 586103, Karnataka.
13. Director (Administration) & Web Master, Department of Higher Education, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi with the request to issue necessary instructions to the CMIS Unit to display this notification on the website of Department of Higher Education.
14. Guard file / Notification file.

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(Ravi Mathur)
Joint Secretary