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1.	**The Registrar, Swaminarayan University, Ahmedabad-Mehsana Highway, At & Post – Saij, Tal – Kalol, Dist. Gandhinagar, Gujarat**
2.	**The Dean/HOD, Shree Swaminarayan Law College, Swaminarayan University, Ahmedabad-Mehsana Highway, At & Post – Saij, Tal – Kalol, Dist. Gandhinagar, Gujarat**

Sub: Recognition to Swaminarayan University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat as per Section 7(1)(i) of the Advocates Act, 1961 for the purpose of conferring the Degrees in Law and approval for merger of existing CLE Swami Narayan Law College, Kalol into the Department of Law, Swaminarayan University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat for imparting three year LL.B course with intake of two sections of 60 students for a period of two years i.e. for the academic years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

Sir/Ma'am,

This is to bring to your kind knowledge that the Standing Committee of Legal Education Committee of Bar Council of India by virtue of its meeting held on 18th November 2023 considered the matter of Shivam Law College, Seoni, Madhya Pradesh.

The Standing Committee considered the inspection report of Swaminarayan University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat. After consideration, recognition has been granted to Swaminarayan University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat as per Section 7(1)(i) of the Advocates Act, 1961 for the purpose of conferring the Degrees in Law and also granted approval for merger of existing CLE Swami Narayan Law College, Kalol into the Department of Law, Swaminarayan University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat for imparting three year LL.B course with intake of two sections of 60 students for a period of two years i.e. for the academic years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

Specific conditions imposed by the inspection team and approved by the Committee which are required to be complied with are as follows :-

1. The faculty should be recruited according to UGC norms.
2. Library of CLE should properly be maintained. CLE should buy more books of latest edition worth minimum of Rs Five (05) Lacs relating to

new proposed courses. CLE should also subscribe Local/Regional Law Journals.

3. CLE should also develop e-library by subscribing to e-law journals of repute and by buying e-books & e-data based law journals in terms of clause 15 of Schedule III of Rules of Legal Education.
4. CLE should improve the existing set up and should bring three wooden crown chairs for judges and proper chairs for students.
5. CLE to put its' Moot Court under the management of some senior Professors and a regular practicing advocate and to maintain a regular record of all its activities. Moot Court exercise to be done on regular basis to ensure that each student participates in it. CLE to ensure that moot court exercises, court visits and internship in terms of clause 24 of Part II (B) of Schedule III of Rules of Legal Education, 2008 are done on regular basis.
6. CLE should provide free legal aid services to public at large of the locality by adequate publicity in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority as per Clause 11, Schedule- III of Rule 11, Legal Education Rules, 2008 and maintain proper records.
7. Boy's and Girl's Common Room needs to be improved regarding comfortable seating and indoor sports facilities.
8. The lift should be maintained.

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✓ **----An undertaking of complying with all the conditions mentioned above must be fulfilled/submitted to BCI within 15 days of receipt of this letter.**

✓ **Thereafter compliance has to be done at the earliest, within a period of 6 weeks from the date of receipt of this letter. A compliance affidavit (duly notarized) along with supporting documents has to be filed within the same period.**

You are requested to kindly note that you will be required to seek extension of approval of affiliation for the above said course/s after approval of affiliation given by BCI ceases.

Kindly note that upon grant of approval, it shall be necessary for the Centre of Legal Education to deposit Rupees Five Lakh per course in shape of guarantee fee to fulfill all the norms of the Bar Council of India.

The same shall be liable to be forfeited if norms are not complied with and same shall carry no interest.

The letter is thus also subject to the payment of guarantee amount as mentioned effective from date of approval of affiliation.

You are requested to kindly note that you will be required to seek extension of approval of affiliation for the above said course/s after approval of affiliation given by BCI ceases.

Further details regarding payments including any Institutional Development fee etc, due, if any, shall be intimated to you in due course.

You may kindly bear in mind that the Bar Council of India is the sole and supreme sanctioning authority for seats and as a general rule 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 done by the University as a general rule has to be done within sanctioned strength of seats.

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A. Conditions/Rules of Legal Education regarding which compliance affidavit has to be filed.

-----Further kindly ensure to furnish authenticated and signed bank statements of salary transferred to your faculty bearing bank stamp/seal and signature of the bank manager for a period of three months with effect from the date of receipt of this letter for the preceding period of three months must be furnished immediately. This must be continued to be submitted every three months without fail.

Kindly also furnish purchase receipts of Indian Bar Review and other minimum Library requirement , failing which the Centre of Legal Educations shall be liable to the natural consequences, which may include revocation of recognition/approval granted.

Centre of Legal Education (CLE) as defined under the Rules of Legal Education stands for the following and is being reproduced below for convenience:

"Centres of Legal Education" means (a) All approved Departments of Law of Universities, Colleges of Law, Constituent Colleges under recognized Universities and affiliated Colleges or Schools of law of recognized Universities so approved.

Provided that a Department or College or Institution conducting correspondence courses through distance education shall not be included.

B. The Centre of Legal Education is directed to ensure compliance of the conditions stipulated above and also comply with Legal Education Rules 2008, failure of which may lead to subsequent necessary and proper action being taken in this regard :-

1. The **Centre of Legal Education** is directed to **ensure establishment and continuance** of a Legal Aid Centre as per Clause-11, Schedule-III of Rule-11 of the Part-IV of the Legal Education Rules – 2008. CLE **should keep activated** Legal Aid Clinic.

2. **Centre of Legal Education** must ensure to teach clinical subjects and give marks as per the schedule.

3. **Centre of Legal Education** should ensure the payment of salary to teachers as per Rules 22 schedule III, Part IV of BCI Rules.

4. The library should be furnished as per Clause 15 of Schedule III of Legal Education Rules 2008 given below :-
   Minimum Library requirement: To start with, a Law Library shall 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 Mannual 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, text books of such other subjects are also to be kept in the similar minimum ratio.

5. The **Centre of Legal Education** should keep in mind that minimum 10 sets of Indian Bar Review, selected judgments and professional Ethics published by Bar Council of India Trust and the AIR volumes/set must be promptly ordered for the library if not already ordered, as it is an essential requirement to run a law college which is stipulated by Bar Council of India, Legal Education Rules 2008 framed under a Parliament Act.

6. The **Center of Legal Education** is directed to make a minimum investment as provided below for upgrading it's library as per the following guideline :-

"Today with the increasing cost of journals, books, wi-fi, e-library and online facilities including I.T. facilities, the minimum investment by each university should be Rs. 10 lakhs for each year. However for any university/deemed university in rural area, the investment should be Rs. 5 Lakh and for all other affiliated colleges in the urban area it should be Rs. 2 lakhs and in rural area it should be Rs. 1 lakh."

7. Teacher Student ratio **shall be 1:40** as per Schedule-III, Rule-11, Clause-17, Part-IV of Bar Council of India Rules.

8. **Centre of Legal Education** is directed to inform the timings of the classes.

9. **Centre of Legal Education** must ensure that not less than three percent seats are reserved for persons with disabilities.

10. **Centre of Legal Education** shall equip itself to provide appropriate facilities in terms of the physical infrastructure, academic infrastructure and any other facilities required for the effective participation of disabled students, teachers and staff in their respective activities. For e.g. (a) ramps in public buildings and (b) Braille symbols and auditory signals in elevators or lifts.

C. Further, the **Centre of Legal Education** should maintain the timing which has to be minimum 5 ½ hours with half an hour break.

Rule (xxiii), Chapter I

"(xxiii) "Regular Course of Study" means and includes a course which runs for at least five hours a day continuously with an additional half an hour recess every day and running not less than thirty hours of working schedule per week."

Rule 5 of Schedule III

"Classes may be conducted between 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. in a Centre of Legal Education, which is not fully residential. However the Library may remain open till 10 p.m."

D. Further, the Centre of Legal Education should follow the attendance rule and file affidavit that they are following the aforesaid and below mentioned rule. The next inspection team shall also see whether the said rules are being followed by the university or not. The relevant Rule 12 is given below :-

"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."

E. **Centre of Legal Education should also admit students as per the below mentioned Rule:**

7.Minimum marks in qualifying examination for admission: Bar Council of India may from time to time, stipulate the minimum percentage of marks not below 45% of the total marks in case of general category applicants, 42% for OBC category and 40% of the total marks in case of SC and ST applicants, to be obtained for the qualifying examination, such as +2 Examination in case of Integrated Five Years' course or Degree course in any discipline for Three years' LL.B. course, for the purpose of applying for and getting admitted into a Law Degree Program of any recognized University in either of the streams.

Provided that such a minimum qualifying marks shall not automatically entitle a person to get admission into an institution but only shall entitle the person concerned to fulfill other institutional criteria notified by the institution concerned or by the government concerned from time to time to apply for admission.

F. **Centre of Legal Education** to follow Clause-24, Schedule-II of Legal Education Rule-2008 lays down Moot Court exercises and Internship; Clause-25, Schedule-III lays down Minimum period of Internship which is quoted hereunder.

(i) **24. Moot court exercise and Internship:**

This paper may have three components of 30 marks each and a viva for 10 marks.

(a) Moot Court (30 Marks). Every student may be required to do at least three moot courts in a year with 10 marks for each. The moot court work will be on assigned problem and it will be evaluated for 5 marks for written submissions and 5 marks for oral advocacy.

(b) Observance of Trial in two cases, one Civil and one Criminal (30 marks):

Students may be required to attend two trials in the course of the last two or three years of LL.B. studies. They will maintain a record and enter the various

steps observed during their attendance on different days in the court assignment. This scheme will carry 30 marks.

(c) Interviewing techniques and Pre-trial preparations and Internship diary (30 marks):

Each student will observe two interviewing sessions of clients at the Lawyer's Office/Legal Aid Office and record the proceedings in a diary, which will carry 15 marks. Each student will further observe the preparation of documents and court papers by the Advocate and the procedure for the filing of the suit/petition. This will be recorded in the diary, which will carry 15 marks.

(d) The fourth component of this paper will be Viva Voce examination on all the above three aspects. This will carry 10 marks.

(ii) **25. Minimum Period of Internship: (a)** Each registered student shall have completed minimum of twelve weeks internship for Three Year Course stream and twenty weeks in case of Five Year Course stream during the entire period of legal studies under NGO, Trial and Appellate Advocates, Judiciary, Legal Regulatory authorities, Legislatures and Parliament, Other Legal Functionaries, Market Institutions, Law Firms, Companies, Local Self Government and other such bodies as the University shall stipulate, where law is practiced either in action or in dispute resolution or in management.

Provided that internship in any year cannot be for a continuous period of more than Four Weeks and all students shall at least gone through once in the entire academic period with Trial and Appellate Advocates.

(b) Each student shall keep Internship diary in such form as may be stipulated by the University concerned and the same shall be evaluated by the Guide in Internship and also a Core Faculty member of the staff each time. The total mark shall be assessed in the Final Semester of the course in the 4th Clinical course as stipulated under the Rules in Schedule II.

G. <u>Centre of Legal Education</u> should also follow Rule- 10 of Legal Education Rules 2008 which is quoted hereunder :-

10. <u>Semester system</u>

The course leading to either degree in law, unitary or on integrated double degree, shall be conducted in semester system in not less than 15 weeks for unitary degree course or not less than 18 weeks in double degree integrated course with not less than 30 class-hours per week including tutorials, moot court room exercise and seminars provided there shall be at least 24 lecture hours per week.

Provided further that in case of specialized and/or honours law courses there shall be not less than 36 class-hours per week including seminar, moot court and tutorial classes and 30 minimum lecture hours per week.

Provided further that Universities are free to adopt trimester system with appropriate division of courses per trimester with each of the trimester not less than 12 weeks.

H. <u>Centre of Legal Education</u> should also follow Rule 17 and Rule 18 of Schedule III of Legal Education Rules 2008 which is quoted hereunder :-

(i) **<u>Rule 17. Core Faculty:</u>**

There shall be sufficient number of full time faculty members in each Centre of Legal Education (i.e. ,Department, constituent or affiliated college) to teach each subject at all point of time for running courses who can be

supported by part time or visiting faculty. Such a core faculty shall in no case be less than six in the first year of the approval with both streams in operation, eight in the second year and ten in the case of third year of law courses. In addition, for the integrated course qualification as is required under the UGC guideline or under such other standard setting body as the discipline is allotted to by any Act, statute, or Rules of the Government of India or of a State.

For the Three Year Bachelor of Law degree course only with two sections without the Honour program, there shall be minimum of 4 core faculty in the first year six in the second and eight in the third year in addition to the Principal/Head or Dean as the case may be.

Provided that an institution intending to run any specialized or honours course must have at least three faculty in the group in which specialization and honours courses are offered.

Provided further that each full time faculty shall take as many classes in the subject or subjects as may be assigned to them on the basis of standard prescribed by 'the standard setting institution' like UGC.

Provided further, if any institution of a University, which was already affiliated to the University and approved to run professional courses of either scheme or both by the Bar Council of India after inspection of the University, falls short of required full time faculty, the new admission in courses may be required to remain suspended until new required number of faculty is procured. The University shall before starting a new academic session, notify which institutions are only be allowed to admit fresh students.

Provided further that if while inspecting the University it was found that in any institution of the University adequate number of full time faculty was not there in the staff, the Bar Council after giving notice to the University might give a public notice directing the University not to admit students in the new academic year in that institution.

There shall be adequate faculty in the subjects offered in the liberal educational subjects as part of the course by the institution. These faculties in the liberal educational discipline in Arts, Science, Management, Commerce, Engineering, Technology or any other discipline shall possess

(ii) <u>Rule -18 Minimum weekly class program per subject (paper):.</u>

There shall be for each paper (with 4 credit) Four class-hours for one hour duration each and one hour of tutorial/moot court/project work per week.

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✓ **Kindly ensure to comply with all the above stipulated and all other requisite Rules of Legal Education 2008 <u>by way of duly notarized compliance affidavit by attaching adequate documentation proof with the same with a period of 6 weeks for being eligible to be issued further Approval for further subsequent academic years and failure to furnish the same shall make the CLE liable to the natural consequences which may include revocation of recognition/approval granted.</u>**

This letter is subject to final approval/confirmation of the Legal Education Committee and General Council of the Bar Council of India.

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You are also requested to attach a copy of this letter with your compliance report/reply.

It is suggested that all information should be provided to Bar Council of India both in hard and soft copy/pen-drive and by email at complianceaffiliationle2@gmail.com**.**

This is for your information and necessary action.

Yours sincerely,



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