



भारतीय विधिज्ञ परिषद् BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA

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To,

All The Vice-Chancellors', Deans', Principals',
Centre of Legal Educations in India.

Sub.: To continue with holding online classes for students of law in the country.

Dear Sir(s)/Ma'am(s),

This is in continuation of our earlier letter. It's in everyone's knowledge that Covid-19 pandemic has overtaken the whole world and crippled normal routine in every field of life. After imposition of lockdown in the country, all educational institutions are closed. Centres of Legal Education are no exception where all activities associated with holding of class room lectures, clinical education protocol, practical training programs and all ancillary activities have taken a big hit and brought to a grinding halt.

So, with regard to certain queries made by some of the Vice-Chancellors/ Principals/Deans of some Institutions (on our letter dated 25.03.2020), we would like to clarify that the General Council of Bar Council of India in consultation with its Legal Education Committee has, therefore, resolved that keeping in view the overall interest of legal education and students all Centre of Legal Educations shall hold online classes covering the entire syllabus and academic discipline as far as practicable. Since computer education is a compulsory protocol as per Rule-9(a)(b) of Schedule-III of Rules of Legal Education-2008, every student is supposed to be computer savvy and capable to understand and follow the regime of online classes. Therefore, you all should note that our decision for online classes is now the decision through a unanimous resolution passed by meeting of the Council through Video Conferencing/Social Media.

Bar Council of India shall take into consideration the implication of loss of class room lectures and practical training and clinical legal education programs at an appropriate time and issue necessary instructions in this regard. It is, however, directed that all Centre of Legal Educations shall hold special extra classes and undertake desired activities once the lockdown is lifted to make-up, as far as possible, for the loss of normal classes and clinical education activities.

It has further been resolved that all Centre of Legal Educations shall submit a detailed action taken report in compliance of this circular, preferably, before the 10th May, 2020. It's earnestly hoped that the directions contained in this circular shall be followed in letter and spirit.

Bar Council of India acknowledges with great degree of appreciation the fact that all National Law Universities and many Centres of Legal Educations have commenced online classes in their pursuit to maintain and achieve high level and standard of legal education and the same spirit is expected from all Centres of Legal Educations.

Thanking you,



(Srimanto Sen)

Secretary

Bar Council of India