

STATUTE GOVERNING CONVOCATION FOR CONFERRING DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS AND AWARD OF HONORARY DEGREES

[Under Section 5 (vii), 46(1) & (2) of the *Karnataka State Law University Act, 2009*]

1. Title and Commencement

- (a) This Statute shall be called "Statute Governing Convocations for Conferring Degrees and Diplomas and Award of Honorary Degrees."
- (b) This Statute shall come into effect from the date of assent of the Chancellor.

2. Annual Convocation

- (a) A Convocation for the purpose of conferring Degrees shall be held once a year preferably before December or at other times as the Chancellor may direct the University.
- (b) The Registrar, in consultation with the Vice Chancellor shall, at least 30 days before the Annual Convocation, cause a Notification to be published in the leading News Papers and in the University Office, indicating the date, time and place of Convocation.
- (c) After the publication of results of Degree Examinations, the Registrar (Evaluation) shall prepare a list of eligible candidates for conferment of Degrees and Diplomas at the ensuing Convocation. The list of candidates shall be presented at the time of Convocation for conferring Degrees and Diplomas.
- (d) Candidates included in the list are eligible to receive their Degrees, either in person or in absentia.

- (e) Admission to the Convocation shall be limited only to the candidates eligible for Postgraduate Degrees, M.Phil., Ph.D., LL.D., Honorary Doctorates and Winners of Prizes and Medals at various Degree Examinations.

3. Distribution of Degree Certificates

- (a) Distribution of Degree Certificates to the enlisted candidates shall be made either at the Convocation or at any time after the Convocation.

Provided that no such candidate will be admitted to the Convocation who does not submit his application in the prescribed form to the Registrar (Evaluation) with the prescribed fee so as to reach him not later than 20 days before the date fixed for the Convocation.

Provided further that such candidates shall not be allowed to apply for and receive the same Degree in person at any subsequent Convocation.

- (b) Distribution of Degree Certificates to all other graduates included in the list and not present in the Convocation shall ordinarily be made by the Registrar (Evaluation), a month after such Convocation is held, but it shall be pre-condition that such a candidate had applied to the Registrar (Evaluation) in the prescribed form within the time specified in the University Notification after paying the prescribed fees.

- (c) Others who have not taken the Degree Certificates at the Colleges in the manner noted above may at any time after the Annual Convocation, apply to the Registrar (Evaluation) in the prescribed form along with the payment of the prescribed fees and they shall be issued the Degree Certificates.
- (d) In cases of urgency the University may issue Degree Certificates before the Convocation and all such candidates shall be formally admitted to the next Annual Convocation. However candidates desirous of having Degree Certificates prior to Convocation shall apply with prescribed fees.
- (e) Every candidate applying for the Degree shall sign a declaration in the following form printed in the application form:

"I hereby solemnly declare and promise that, if admitted to the Degree recommended, I shall, in my daily life and conversation, conduct myself, as befits a member of this University, that I shall to the utmost of my capacity and opportunity, support the cause of morality and sound learning; and that, as far as in me lies, I shall uphold and advance the social order and the well-being of my fellowmen".

In the case of Professional Degrees, the following shall be added to the above declaration:

"I shall faithfully and carefully fulfill the duties of the profession to which I may be admitted by virtue of my Degree; that I shall on all occasions maintain its purity and reputation and I shall never deviate from the straight path of their honorable exercise by making my knowledge subservient to unworthy ends".

4. Attendance at the Convocation

Candidates attending the Convocation shall, come in White Khadi Dress with Gandhi Cap and shall occupy their respective seats before the proceedings begin.

5. Preliminary Meeting of the Syndicate the Academic Council

- (a) There shall be a preliminary meeting of the Syndicate in which the Registrar (Evaluation) shall submit the list of candidates eligible to receive Degrees in various Faculties for approval.
- (b) There shall be a preliminary meeting of the Academic Council prior to the Convocation at which the lists of candidates placed before the Syndicate relating to various Faculties recommended for award of several Degrees shall be approved.

6. Convocation Procession

The Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor and the Members of the Academic Council and Syndicate shall pass in procession to the place where the Convocation is to be held. The order of the procession being as under:

Mace-bearer shall be the Registrar (Evaluation) of the University.

- i. The Registrar (Evaluation)
- ii. Members of the Syndicate and Academic Council (in pairs)
- iii. Deans of Faculties (in pairs)
- iv. Recipients of Honorary Degrees
- v. The Registrar

- vi. The Chief Guest
- vii. The Vice Chancellor
- viii. The Pro-Chancellor
- ix. The Chancellor (followed by Aide-de-Camp).

Candidates and other invitees in the hall will remain standing till the Members forming the procession take their seats.

7. Conferment of Degrees

- (a) After the members have taken their places, the Vice Chancellor will request the Chancellor or the Pro-Chancellor in the absence of the Chancellor to declare the Convocation open in the following words:

Mr/Madam Chancellor/Pro-Chancellor, I have the Honor to request you, Sir/Madam, to declare the Convocation open".

The Chancellor or the Pro-Chancellor in the absence of Chancellor will declare the Convocation open and say:

"I declare the Convocation open. This Convocation of the Karnataka State Law University has been called to confer Degrees upon the candidates who in the examinations held for the purpose, have been successful and certified to be worthy of receiving the Degrees. Let the candidates be presented".

- (b) The Deans of Faculties or Heads of Colleges or other Members of the Academic Council who may be nominated for the purpose by the Vice

Chancellor shall present the candidates to the Chancellor/Pro-Chancellor for the award of Degrees as follows:

"Sir/Madam, I present the candidates whose names are set out in the list for the Degrees ofunder the Faculty of.....They have been examined and found qualified for the respective Degrees to which I pray they may be admitted."

All the candidates who belong to the several Degrees under the Faculty will rise from their seats and bow to the Chancellor/Pro-Chancellor and then resume their seats.

- (c) At the conclusion of presentation of candidates, the Chancellor/Pro-Chancellor shall say to the candidates.

"By virtue of the authority vested in me as Chancellor/Pro-Chancellor of the University, I admit all the candidates presented to the Degrees of this University."

8. Convocation Address

- (a) The Registrar shall introduce the Chief Guest.
- (b) The Chief Guest invited to deliver the Convocation address will then deliver the Convocation address.

9. Presentation of Ph. D. Degrees and Medals

- (a) The Registrar (Evaluation) shall read out the names of Ph. D. Degree holders, Medals and Prizes of various Faculties.

- (b) The Chancellor will present the Degrees, Medals and Prizes.

10. Convocation Conclusion

- (a) The Chancellor/Pro-Chancellor shall then dissolve the Convocation.
- (b) The Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor and the Members of the Academic Council and the Syndicate shall retire in procession.
- (c) The order shall be the reverse order in which they entered (i.e., in the reverse order of Section 6).

11. Schedule of Robes for The Chancellor, The Pro-Chancellor, The Vice Chancellor, Members of the Academic Council and the Syndicate

- (a) Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, Chief Guest, Registrar and Registrar (Evaluation): Mysore Peta and White Silk Angavashthram with National Tricolor border.
- (b) Deans, Members of the Academic Council and the Syndicate: White Khadi Gandhi Cap and White Khadi Angavasthram with National Tricolor border.
- (c) Degree Holder: White Khadi Gandhi Cap and White Khadi Agavasthram with National Tricolor border.

12. Honorary Degrees or Other Distinctions

- (a) A Degree of Doctor of Laws (LLD) *Honoris Causa* may be conferred upon such persons who are distinguished Lawyers, Judges, Jurists and Statesmen who have made noteworthy contribution to the cause of the public.


- (b) If not less than two thirds of the Members of the Syndicate recommend that an Honorary Degree or other academic distinction be conferred on any person on the ground that he is in their opinion, by reason of eminent attainment and position, fit and proper to receive such Degree or academic distinction, the Syndicate may recommend the same for the approval of the Chancellor for the conferment of Honorary LL. D. Degree on the person concerned.
- (c) After obtaining, approval of the Chancellor for such recommendation of the Syndicate, Honorary Degree(s) shall be conferred only at the Annual Convocation and may be taken by the recipient in person or in absentia.
- (d) The Honorary Degree or distinction may be conferred only in exceptional cases. It shall not be conferred as a matter of course. Only such of the persons who have contributed substantially to the advancement of legal education, legal profession or justice system shall be identified for the purpose of granting Honorary Degrees.
- (e) The presentation of person(s) at the Convocation on whom Honorary Degree(s) are to be conferred shall be made by the Vice Chancellor.
- (f) The procedure outlined in the Statutes governing the Annual Convocation shall apply *mutatis mutandis* in the case of conferment of Honorary Degrees also, except that in the later case the recipient of the Honorary Degree may be allowed to make a brief address after receiving the Degree and be a member of the Convocation.
- (g) No sitting Member of the Parliament, Member of the Legislative Assembly, Member of the Legislative Council, Minister in the State Cabinet or Minister in the Union Cabinet is eligible to receive Honorary Degrees.

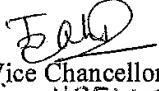
13. Changes in the Procedure

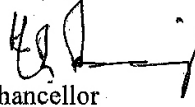
The Vice Chancellor may make suitable changes with the prior approval of the Chancellor in regard to the procedure to be followed at the Convocation when circumstances necessitate.

14. Repeal and Savings Clause

- (a) Any Statute existing hereinbefore governing Convocations for Conferring Degrees and Diplomas and Award of Honorary Degrees stands repealed.
- (b) Any action, decision or direction taken or directed by the University under any Statute in force at any time earlier than this Statute coming into force, shall be valid, binding on the institutions and remain in force notwithstanding anything contained in this Statute.


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