

CHAPTER II THE UNIVERSITY

2. Establishment and incorporation of the University. - (1) As soon as may be, after commencement of this Act, the Administrative Department shall, by notification in the official Gazette, reconstitute sub-campus of Bahauddin Zakariya University Multan at Lodhran as the Maryam Nawaz University of Lodhran under the provision of this Act.

(2) The University shall consist of the following:

- (a) Chancellor;
- (b) Pro-Chancellor;
- (c) Vice-Chancellor;
- (d) Pro-Vice Chancellor;
- (e) Members of the Authorities;
- (f) Chairpersons and Deans;
- (g) Teachers and Students; and
- (h) Officers and other employees of the University.

(3) The University shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal and may, by its name, sue and be sued.

(4) The University may acquire and hold property, both movable and immovable, and lease, sell, transfer and otherwise dispose of any property vested in it.

(5) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, the University shall have academic, financial and administrative autonomy, including the powers to employ officers, teachers and other employees on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

(6) All properties, rights and interests of whatever kind used, enjoyed, possessed, owned or vested in the sub-campus of Bahauddin Zakariya University Multan, located at Lodhran and all liabilities legally subsisting against the said sub-campus shall stand transferred to the University.

(7) All regular and contract employees serving the sub-campus of Bahauddin Zakariya University Multan, located at Lodhran immediately before coming into force of this Act, shall be considered on deputation with the University and shall, subject to subsection (8), be liable to be transferred to their parent employer on expiry of deputation period.

(8) Subject to the procedure notified by the University, an employee at the disposal of the University under subsection (7), may at any time within three hundred and sixty five days of coming into force of this Act, opt for absorption in the service of the University on such terms and conditions and in such manner as may be prescribed but such terms and conditions shall not be less favourable than those admissible to such an employee while serving the sub-campus of Bahauddin Zakariya University Multan at Lodhran immediately.

(9) **Jurisdiction of the University.**- The jurisdiction before his placement at the disposal of the university under subsection (7) the University shall

be limited to the territorial limits of the Province of the Punjab:

Provided that the Government may, by general or special order, modify the scope of jurisdiction of the University about the territorial limits.

3. University to be open to all.- Subject to such reasonable restrictions as may be prescribed by the statutes and except where the University has been declared, by notification in the official Gazette, to be open only to persons of a specific gender, it shall be open to all persons irrespective of gender, religion, creed, caste, race, class, colour or domicile, who are academically qualified for admission to the courses of study offered by the University, and no such person shall be denied the privileges of the University on any such ground.

4. Teaching at the University.- (1) All recognized teaching in various courses at the University, a college, an institute and a constituent college shall be conducted in such manner as may be prescribed by the regulations. Such teaching may include lectures, tutorials, discussions, seminars, demonstrations, distance learning and other methods of instructions as well as practical work in the laboratories, hospitals, workshops and fieldwork.

(2) The teaching in any prescribed course in the University, a college, an institute and a constituent college shall be organized by such Authority as may be prescribed by the regulations.

(3) The courses and the curricula for teaching in the University, a college, an institute and a constituent college shall be such as may be prescribed by the regulations.

(4) A degree, diploma or certificate shall be granted to a student who fulfills the prescribed requirements for that degree, diploma or certificate, respectively.

5. Students of the University.- Any person enrolled in the University, a college, an institute or a constituent college as a learner for any academic degree, diploma, certificate or any other program shall be deemed to be a student of the University.

6. Fee and other charges.- The University may, from time to time, determine and revise fees and other charges as may be prescribed.

7. Powers and functions of the University.- The University shall have the powers to:

- (a) Provide instructions and conduct research in various programs related to Theology, Social Sciences, Applied Sciences, Health Sciences, Material Sciences, Environmental Sciences and Modern Technologies offered at both national and international levels and such other branches of learnings as it may deem fit or required in future; and to make provisions of research related to socio-economic development in such manner as it may determine by the university;
- (b) The university shall pull all its resources together and organize human resource to conduct academic research, provide training, produce highly skilled graduates, promote culture, serve local, national and international communities and play considerable role in the national development.
- (c) Provide instructions and conduct research under the following faculties, Schools and Institutes but not limited to;
 - i. Faculty of Arts & Humanities;
 - ii. School of Business Education;
 - iii. Faculty of Computer Sciences
 - iv. Faculty of Engineering & Technologies;

- v. School of Environmental Sciences;
- vi. Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences;
- vii. College of Medical and Health Sciences;
- viii. Faculty of Pure & Applied Sciences;
- ix. Faculty of Social Science;

Provided that the Board shall be competent to approve programs, departments/schools of national and international importance in the Faculties/schools/institutes and colleges on the recommendations of Academic Council and Board of Advanced Studies & Research or any other relevant statutory bodies of the university.

Provided further that Faculties other than listed under sub-section (iv) of section 5 may be approved by the Government, on the recommendations of the Board. The Board shall, on the recommendations of Academic Council, pass a resolution prior to submission of the request to the Patron for the addition of new Faculties.

- (d) prescribe courses of studies to be conducted by it, the colleges, institutes, and constituent colleges;
- (e) establish colleges, institutes, constituent colleges, departments, faculties, centers of advanced studies, centers of excellence, area study centers, laboratories, workshops, institutions, museums and other centers of learning for the development of teaching and research and technological development and make such arrangements for their maintenance, management and administration as it may determine;
- (f) institute professorships, associate professorships, assistant professorships and lectureships and any other post and to appoint persons thereto;
- (g) create posts for teaching, research, extension, administration, and for other related purposes and to appoint persons thereto in the prescribed manner;
- (h) prescribe the terms and conditions of employment of the officers, teachers and other employees of the University, and to lay down such terms and conditions as may be different from those generally applicable to the employees of the Government;
- (i) Institute programs for the exchange of students and teachers between the University and any other university, educational institution or research organization within Pakistan or abroad;
- (j) support the academic and professional development of the faculty and other employees;
- (k) hold examinations and award and confer degrees, diploma certificates and other academic distinctions to and on persons who have been admitted to and have passed its examinations under such conditions as may be prescribed;
- (l) accept an examination and the period of study spent by a student of the University at any other university or place of learning equivalent to an examination or period of study of the University and to withdraw

such acceptance as may be prescribed;

- (m) confer honorary degrees or other academic distinctions on persons in such manner and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed;
- (n) confer degrees on persons who have carried on independent research under the prescribed conditions;
- (o) provide for such instruction and training for persons not being students of the University, and to grant certificates and diplomas to such persons in the prescribed manner;
- (p) collaborate and cooperate with other universities, research and educational institutions and commercial or industrial organizations in the public or private sector, or other public authorities within Pakistan or abroad in such manner and for such purposes as may be prescribed;
- (q) institute and award financial assistance to the students for fellowships, scholarships, medals, and prizes as may be prescribed;
- (r) establish, control and maintain the University halls of residence for the students, and approve any place as hostel or lodging for the students;
- (s) maintain order, discipline, and security on the campuses of the University, a college, an institute and a constituent college;
- (t) promote co-curricular and recreational activities of the students and make arrangements for promoting their health and welfare;
- (u) develop and implement fund-raising plans;
- (v) undertake or engage in such commercial activities for the purpose of generating revenue as it may deem appropriate;
- (w) carry out its development projects through public-private partnerships in the prescribed manner;
- (x) undertake research, advisory or consultancy services and, for the purpose, enter into arrangements with public or private bodies as may be prescribed;
- (y) charge and receive such fees and other payments as it may determine;
- (z) enter into the contracts for carrying out the purposes of this Act;
- (aa) receive, transfer, invest and manage property, grants and contributions, bequests, trusts, gifts, donations, endowments and other contributions made to the University, and to invest any fund representing such property, grants, bequests, trusts, gifts, donations, endowments or other contributions in such manner as may be approved by the Syndicate;
- (bb) provide for the printing, recording, broadcasting, publication and distribution of teaching material, research reports, papers and other works which may be issued by the University;
- (aa) provide career counseling and job search services to the students and alumni;
- (bb) maintain linkages with the alumni;

- (cc) establish a grievance redressal mechanism in such manner as may be prescribed by the regulations;
- (dd) seek support from other universities in curricula, research, faculty development and other areas of mutual interest; and
- (ee) do such other acts as may be necessary for carrying out the objectives of the University.

8. Integration of public sector institutions. - (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any other law, notification, contract or instrument, the Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, integrate with the University any sub-campus or college or institute of another university or a public sector institution situated anywhere in the Punjab or transfer any college or institute of the University to the Government.

(2) On the publication of a notification under subsection (1):

- (a) all rights, properties, assets and liabilities vested in or undertaken by the Government or the University in respect of such sub-campus, college, institute or public sector institution shall respectively become the rights, properties, assets and liabilities of the University or the Government, as the case may be; and
- (b) All persons serving in connection with the affairs of such sub-campus, college, institute, or public sector institution in any capacity shall stand transferred to the University or the Government on such terms and conditions as the Government may determine:
Provided that such terms and conditions shall not be less favorable than those admissible to such persons immediately before their transfer to the University or the Government.
- (c) Any question arising under the provision to subsection (2) shall be referred to the Government and the decision of the Government on such question shall be final.

9. Association and disassociation of colleges. - (1) The Government may associate or disassociate any college with or from the University.

(2) In case of association of a college with the University, employees of such college shall remain at the strength of their parent department but shall serve in the associated college as long as the Administrative Department so directs.

(3) An employee shall cease to be the employee of the parent department if he is absorbed in the University in such manner and on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the University.

10. Students representational system.- There shall be a student's representational system in the University which shall be established and managed in such manner as may be determined by the Government.