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NOTIFICATION

The draft of Karnataka Tutorial Institutions or Coaching Centres Registration and Regulation) Rules, 2026 which the Government of Karnataka proposes to make in exercise of the powers conferred by section 35 read with section 145 of the Karnataka Education Act, 1983 (Karnataka Act 1 of 1995) is hereby published as required under sub rule (1) of section 145 of the said Act for the information of all persons likely to be affected thereby and notice is hereby given that the said draft will be taken into consideration after the expiry of fifteen days from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

Any objection or suggestion which may be received by the State Government from any person with respect to the said draft before the expiry of the period specified above will be considered by the State Government. Objections or suggestions may be addressed to the Secretary to Government, Department of Higher Education, Room No. 654, 6th Floor, Second gate, M.S. Building, Dr. B.R Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560 001.

Draft Rules

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) These rules may be called the Karnataka Tutorial Institutions or Coaching Centre (Registration and Regulation) Rules, 2026.

(2) They shall come into force from the date of their final publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Definitions.- (1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,-

- a. 'Act' means a Karnataka Education Act, 1983 (Karnataka Act 1 of 1995).
- b. "Advertisement" means and includes any audio or visual notice, circular, label, wrapper, billboard and poster etc. in any form including print, digital, broadcast, designed to promote service or brand to attract attention of potential customers, and to persuade them to take a specific action.
- c. 'Application fee' means a non-refundable fee specified by the Government of Karnataka which shall be paid while submitting the Application.
- d. 'Appellate authority' means an officer notified by the Government of Karnataka under section 130 of the Act.
- e. 'Branch' means a local extension, or campus that operates under a main coaching centre, performing similar functions but located at a different place to expand reach.
- f. 'Batch' means a group of students, not less than twenty and not more than sixty in number, studying in the same class, being taught the same specified course content in a class room of the coaching centres during a course period.
- g. 'Coaching' means any tuition, structured instructions or guidance given by experienced instructors in any branch of learning/discipline to a batch of students within a coaching centres and does not include courses run by various Government Departments, counselling, sports, dance, theatre and other creative activities.
- h. 'Course' means a distinct programme with separate admission or curriculum.
- i. 'Coaching Centre' means a centre, established, run, or administered by any person to provide coaching for any study programme or competitive examinations or academic support to students at school, college, and university, for more than twenty students.
- j. 'Department' means Department of Public Instruction (Secondary and Pre-University) or Department of Collegiate Education or Department of Technical Education in Karnataka.
- k. 'Fee' means the amount of money collected by the Tutorial Institutions or Coaching Centres from the enrolled student for offering academic instruction or guidance or support.
- l. "Franchise Agreement" means a legally enforceable agreement executed between a Franchisor and a Franchisee, whereby the Franchisor authorises the Franchisee to establish and operate a coaching centre in the State of Karnataka using its brand name, trademarks, business systems, operational processes, and proprietary know-how, subject to such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon. The agreement shall, at a minimum,

specify the franchise fee and/or royalties, the duration of the agreement, the rights and obligations of the parties, the sharing of expenses and revenues, the grounds for termination, and the liabilities of each party.

- m. 'Government' means the Government of Karnataka.
- n. 'Institution' means School or Pre-University College or First Grade College or Polytechnic or Engineering College or University or any other educational institution such as affiliated college or associated or constituted college recognized or controlled by the Government of India or the Government of Karnataka in the State, established under the Act of Central Government or the State Government under the Act.
- o. 'Person' means an individual and includes a group of persons or a body corporate, or a trust, firm or society or an institution.
- p. 'Proprietor' means an owner of a Tutorial Institution or Coaching Centre seeking registration or registered and includes joint owner.
- q. 'Registration' means the process of registering a Tutorial Institution under section 35 of the Act.
- r. 'Registering Authority' means an authority notified by the Government, whose primary functions are to verify and fact-check the information submitted by Tutorial Institutions and Coaching Centres, and to grant, renew, suspend, or cancel their registrations in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the rules made thereunder.
- s. 'Registration Certificate' means an official document issued by the Registering Authority under section 35 of the Act, through which a Coaching Centre becomes legally existing and therefore is entitled to offer coaching and engage in allied activities.
- t. 'Registration Fee' means the registration fee payable by a tutorial or a coaching center under sub rule (9) of rule 3;
- u. 'Registration Number' means a unique number assigned to a coaching centre by the registration authority for official identification.
- v. 'Student' means a person dedicated to learning who has enrolled in a coaching centre and who is not below the age of fifteen years or enrolls only after secondary school examination.
- w. 'Tutor' means a person who guides or trains students in any Tutorial Institution and includes tutors giving specialized tuitions to more than twenty students at one time.
- x. 'Tutorial Institution' means an establishment that provides academic support, acting as a personalized learning environment (includes Coaching Center or Tutorials or Tuition classes or Trust or Society or Institution or any other such establishment) that supplements mainstream education, focusing on exam preparation, clarification, and individual progress, of students. In this document the terms Tutorial Institutions and Coaching Centres are used synonymously.
- y. 'University' means a university established or incorporated by or under a Central Act, or a State Act, and includes any such Institution as may, in

consultation with the University concerned, be recognized by the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (Central Act 3 of 1956) in accordance with the regulations made in this behalf under University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (Central Act 3 of 1956).

(2) All other words and expressions used but not defined shall have the meanings as assigned to them in the Act.

3. Procedure for registration of Tutorial Institutions or Coaching Centres.- (1) Applications for registration of a Tutorial Institution or Coaching Centre shall be submitted online in the prescribed Form through the Seva Sindhu Portal of the Government of Karnataka to the Registering Authority within whose jurisdiction the Tutorial Institution or Coaching Centre is situated, along with the specified Registration fee and Per-Course Registration fee and documents as specified under these rules. The application format will be made available on the official website of the Department of Higher Education.

(2) Every application shall be accompanied by the geotagged location of the premises from which the Tutorial Institution or Coaching Centre operates, including its geographic coordinates, along with geotagged photographs of the premises.

(3) In case of a Tutorial Institution having multiple branches, each of such branch shall be treated as a separate Tutorial Institution and it shall be mandatory to submit a separate Application for Registration of each branch.

(4) If the Tutorial Institution or Coaching Centre has or proposes to provide hostel facilities, all necessary approvals shall be taken from the concerned authority or authorities. Any complaints regarding such facilities shall come under the purview of the authority sanctioning the same.

(5) In the case of a Tutorial Institution or Coaching Centre being operated, or proposed to be operated, under a Franchise Agreement, the application for registration shall be submitted by the Franchisor on behalf of the Franchisee. The Franchisor and the Franchisee shall be jointly and severally responsible for ensuring full compliance with the provisions of the Act, the rules made thereunder, and any orders or directions issued thereunder.

(6) Any recognised school, Pre-University College, or other educational institution that offers coaching, test preparation, entrance examination coaching, or tutorial services, whether to its own students or to students of any other institution, for consideration, shall be deemed to be a Tutorial Institution or Coaching Centre for the purposes of these Rules and shall be required to obtain registration under these Rules.

(7) Every Online Tutorial Institution or Coaching operating from any district in the State of Karnataka shall obtain registration from the jurisdictional Registering Authority within whose jurisdiction its registered office is situated, in accordance with these rules.

(8) Every application for registration shall be accompanied by such particulars, declarations, documents, and information relating to the ownership, management, courses offered, faculty, infrastructure, fee structure, student welfare measures, statutory compliances, and such other matters as may be specified by the Regulatory Authority.

NOTE: (1) A person shall establish, run, manage or maintain a Tutorial Institution or Coaching centre and impart coaching, only with prior registration of such coaching centre as per these rules.

(2) Tutorial Institutions existing on the date of implementation of these rules, shall apply for registration within a period of three months from the date of implementation of these rules.

(9) The Tutorial Institution or Coaching Centre shall clearly specify, in the application, the number and nature of the courses proposed to be offered. The registration fee payable by a Tutorial Institution or Coaching Centre shall be rupees fifteen thousand, irrespective of the educational levels for which registration is sought. In addition, a separate per-course registration fee of rupees five thousand shall be payable for each course offered by the Tutorial Institution or Coaching Centre.

(10) The registration fee and the per-course registration fee shall be payable by the Tutorial Institution or Coaching Centre at the time of submission of application. The registration fee and the per-course registration fee, once paid, shall not be refunded.

(11) The registration fee, registration renewal fee, per-course registration fee, and any other fee payable under these Rules shall be paid through the online portal by electronic modes of payment, including Net Banking, Credit Card, Debit Card, Unified Payments Interface (UPI), National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT), Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS), Immediate Payment Service (IMPS), or any other digital payment mode as may be notified by the State Government from time to time.

(12) The Deputy Commissioner of each district shall be the Registering Authority for the Tutorial Institutions or Coaching Centres situated within the respective district, and the Commissioner, Department of Collegiate and Technical Education, shall be the Appellate Authority for all matters relating to the registration of Tutorial Institutions or Coaching Centres.

(13) The registering authority after satisfying itself whether or not the applicant has complied with the provisions of section 35 of the Act and these rules, may register the institution or refuse the registration within forty-five days from the date of receipt of Application. If approval is not given within forty five days it shall be deemed approved until final decision.

(14) The registration certificate shall be issued in the prescribed format and shall be permanently displayed at a conspicuous place on the premises of Tutorial Institutions or Coaching Centres.

(15) The refusal order shall indicate the reasons for refusal.

(16) The applicant in whose favour a Certificate of Registration has been issued shall commence the operation of the Tutorial Institution or Coaching Centre and conduct tutorial or coaching classes only after obtaining the Certificate of Registration.

(17) The period of validity of the Registration Certificate shall be three years.

(18) Inspection Cell: Prior to the issuance of the Registration Certificate, the premises of the Tutorial Institution or Coaching Centre shall be physically inspected by an Inspection Cell consisting of the jurisdictional Assistant Commissioner as the Chairperson and two officers nominated by the jurisdictional Deputy Commissioner from among the members of the District Committee. The Inspection Cell shall submit its Inspection Report electronically to the concerned Deputy Commissioner. The physical inspection shall be completed within twenty-one days from the date of submission of the online application.

(19) Registration of existing Tutorial Institutions/Coaching Centres Tutorial Institutions or Coaching Centres in existence on the date of commencement of these rules and referred to in clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 35 of the Act shall apply for registration by submitting an online application, in the prescribed form to the Registering Authority through the Seva sindhu Portal of the Government of Karnataka, within a period of ninety days from the date of commencement of these rules. The application format will be made available on the official website of the Department of Higher Education.

- i. Any Tutorial Institution or Coaching Centre that fails to submit the application for registration within the stipulated period shall be liable to pay a penalty of rupees one hundred only per day until the application for registration is submitted.
- ii. Any Tutorial Institution or Coaching Centre operating without a valid Certificate of Registration after the expiry of six months from the date of commencement of these rules shall be liable to be sealed by the jurisdictional Registering Authority.

- iii. Every registered Tutorial Institution or Coaching Centre shall apply for renewal of Registration Certificate to the Registering Authority two months prior to the date of expiry of such Registration in the prescribed Format.

(20) The Registering Authority after satisfying itself whether or not the applicant has complied with the provisions of section 35 of the Act and these rules, may renew the registration or cancel the registration within forty-five month from the date of receipt of application.

- i. The renewed Registration Certificate shall be issued in the prescribed format.
- ii. The registration cancellation order shall indicate the reasons for cancellation.
- iii. Applications that remain undisposed of by the registering authority within the period of forty-five days shall be automatically forwarded to the Appellate Authority for appropriate action. The Appellate Authority shall dispose of the appeal within one month from the date of receipt thereof and communicate its reasoned decision to the appellant.
- iv. The registration renewal fee and the per-course registration renewal fee shall be the same as the registration fee and the per-course registration fee, respectively. The registration renewal fee and the per-course renewal registration fee, once paid, shall not be refunded.

(21) The provisions of rule 3 shall apply mutatis-mutandis (making necessary alterations while not affecting main point at issue) in respect of the applications received under this rule.

4. District Level Monitoring Committee.- (1) The State Government shall constitute two District Level Monitoring Committees one for Bengaluru Urban District and another for the remaining districts of the State to monitor the functioning of Tutorial Institutions or Coaching Centres and to oversee compliance by all educational Institutions and Tutorial Institutions/Coaching Centres to the State Mental Health Policy and the Mental Health Safeguard Guidelines.

(2) District-level committee for bengaluru urban district shall consists of the following members, namely:-

1.	The Bangalore Urban Deputy Commissioner	Chairman
2.	The Additional/ Joint Commissioner (Administration), Bangalore City Police	Member
3.	The Deputy Director of Public Instruction	Member
4.	The Deputy Director of Pre-University Education	Member

5.	The Deputy Director Women and Child Development	Member
6.	The Deputy Director of social welfare department	Member
7.	The Deputy Director (Mental Health)	Member
8.	The District officer form backward Classes	Member
9.	The District officer from Directorate of Minorities	Member
10.	The District Health Officer	Member
11.	The Member Secretary, District Legal Service Authority, Bengaluru Urban	Member
12.	The Regional Joint Director, Department of Collegiate Education, Bengaluru	Member
13.	The Principal of lead district Government First Grade College, Government Engineering College and Government Polytechnic	Member
14.	The Medical Superintendent of Medical College	Member
15.	The NGO/Representative from civil society nominated by chairman	Member

(3) District-level committee for other districts shall consists of the following members, namely:-

1.	The Deputy Commissioner cum District Magistrate	Chairman
2.	The Chief Executive Officer, ZP	Member
3.	The Superintendent of Police and, the Commissioner of Police (where a Police Commissionerate has been established)	Member
4.	The Municipal Commissioner	Member
5.	The Deputy Director of Public Instruction	Member
6.	The Deputy Director of Pre-University Education	Member
7.	The Deputy Director Women and Child Development	Member
8.	The Deputy Director of social welfare department	Member
9.	The District officer form backward Classes	Member
10.	The District Health Officer	Member
11.	Member Secretary, District Legal Service Authority	Member
12.	The Regional Joint Director, Department of Collegiate Education, Bengaluru	Member
13.	The Principal of lead district Government First Grade College, Government Engineering College and Government Polytechnic	Member
14.	The Medical Superintendent of Medical College	Member
15.	NGO/Representative from civil society nominated by chairman	Member

(4) The quorum for meeting of the Committee shall be set at one-half of total members with the mandatory presence of the Chairman.

(5) The District Level Monitoring Committees shall, for the purpose of enquiry under these rules, have the same powers of a civil court under the code of civil procedure 1908 (Central Act no. 5 of 1908) for consideration of any suit, namely:-

- a. summoning and enforcing the attendance of witnesses;
- b. requiring the discovery and production of any documents;
- c. requisitioning any public record or copy thereof from any office;
- d. receiving evidence on affidavits;
- e. issuing commissions for inspection;
- f. enforcing production of records; and
- g. to award cost.

5. Conditions for registration of the Tutorial Institutions or Coaching Centres.- (1) All Tutorial Institutions shall adhere to the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, (Central Act 35 of 2019). Every Tutorial Institution or Coaching Centre shall,-

- a. ensure implementation of the policies, recommendations, and directions of the Karnataka Government regarding Tutorial Institutions or Coaching Centres;
- b. take all such steps as necessary for ensuring the safety of students along with ensuring imparting of quality education.
- c. ensure that the Tutorial Institution or Coaching Centre shall not collect the entire course fee in a single instalment and that it enable parents or guardians with the option to pay the course fee in not less than four equal instalments during the duration of the course;
- d. make available the services of a qualified counsellor, on a need basis, to provide counselling to students in accordance with the State Mental Health Policy and the Mental Health Safeguard Guidelines;
- e. not indulge in the malpractices of bogus advertisement, false claims, lucrative offers etc.,;
- f. ensure that teachers serving in regular cadre strength in any government institution do not engage in teaching in Tutorial Institutions or Coaching Centres;
- g. maintain application forms, fee receipts, registers of the students enrolled in the classes-course wise and maintain biometric attendance records electronically and keep a print out in the premises. These records of students enrolled and their attendance should be submitted electronically to the portal;

- h. not conduct coaching classes for those students who are also studying in institutions or schools during their institutions or schools' hours, so that their regular attendance in such institutions or schools remains unaffected;
- i. keep in view the schedule of School or College Assessment as set out by the Central and State Education Boards and accordingly adjust the study hours of the coaching centre; and
- j. comply with such directions as may be issued by the State Government from time to time in the interest of students.

(2) No Tutorial Institution shall,-

- a. engage tutors having qualification less than graduation and experience in the relevant field;
- b. make misleading promises or guarantee of rank or good marks to parents or students enrolling them in the coaching center;
- c. enroll students below fifteen years of age or the student enrolment shall be only after secondary school examination;
- d. publish or cause to be published or take part in the publication of any misleading advertisement relating to any claim, directly or indirectly, of quality of coaching or the facilities offered therein or the results procured by such coaching center or the student who attended such class;
- e. be registered, if it has less than minimum space requirement per student;
- f. hire the services of any tutor or person who has been convicted for any offence involving moral turpitude;
- g. be registered unless it has a mental health counselling system as per the requirement of state mental health policy;
- h. tutorial or Coaching classes for students who are concurrently enrolled in schools or other educational institutions shall not be conducted during the regular working hours of such schools or institutions, so as to ensure that students' attendance therein is not adversely affected and to prevent nominal enrolment without regular attendance;
- i. The total duration of coaching in Tutorial Institutions or Coaching Centres, including tests, revision, and doubt-clearing sessions, shall not exceed five hours per day and such classes shall not be scheduled at unreasonably early morning hours or late evening hours;
- j. The time of operation of the Tutorial Institutions shall be between 06:00 AM to 09:00 PM.
- k. tutorial Institutions or Coaching Centres shall publish on their website, notice board and prospectus, the updated details of the courses or curriculum, the fees being charged for each course or curriculum, special provisions made voluntarily to encourage greater representation of students from Schedule Tribes, Schedule Castes, Divyangjan, Economically Weaker Section; duration of completion, hostel facilities (if any), and qualification of tutors, easy exit policy, fee refund policy, policy for transfer of candidature

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- between branches of Coaching Centres, if applicable number of students undertaken coaching from the center and number of students finally succeeded in getting admission in Higher Education Institutions etc.,
1. the tuition fees for different courses or curriculum being charged shall be fair and reasonable and receipts for the fee charged shall be made available;
 - m. if a student discontinues or withdraws from a course before the expiry of its specified duration, the Tutorial Institution or Coaching Centre shall refund the fee collected in advance for the remaining period of the course on a pro-rata basis within ten days from the date of withdrawal. If the student is staying in the hostel of the Tutorial Institution or Coaching Centre, then the hostel fees and mess fee etc., shall also be refunded;
 - n. every Tutorial Institution or Coaching Centre providing transportation facilities to students shall ensure compliance with all applicable safety, security, and student protection measures, including the fitness and safety of vehicles and the verification of the antecedents of drivers and attendants;
 - o. tutorial Institutions or Coaching Centres shall comply with the Karnataka State Child Protection Policy, 2016 wherever applicable.

(3) The Infrastructure of the Tutorial Institution or Coaching centre shall fulfill the following namely:-

- a. The buildings from which Tutorial Institutions or Coaching Centres operate shall mandatorily adopt standard measures for disaster risk reduction, ensure structural integrity against natural disasters, and incorporate improved sanitation and energy-efficient building designs to provide a safe and resilient learning environment.
- b. As safety is a continuous process covering preparedness, response and recovery, Tutorial Institutions or Coaching Centres shall draw up Disaster Management Plan (DMP) for both natural and man-made hazards.
- c. Towards disaster risk reduction, Tutorial Institutions or Coaching Centres shall ensure that their buildings are hazard-resilient (earthquake- resistant, fire-safe), have functional fire extinguishers, proper evacuation routes, and safe sanitation facilities, Teachers, staff, and student leaders shall be trained as first responders, focusing on first aid, fire safety, and emergency response.
- d. Tutorial Institutions or Coaching Centres shall identify and fix "invisible" risks, such as loosely placed heavy furniture, blocked evacuation routes, poorly maintained and faulty electrical wiring, overloaded power strips or exposed wires, unanchored water tanks, loose roof tiles, or weak glass panes.
- e. Tutorial Institutions or Coaching Centres shall mandatorily organize periodic drills for fire, earthquakes, and floods to test the effectiveness of evacuation plans and emergency kits.
- f. Tutorial Institutions or Coaching Centres shall adhere to fire safety codes, building safety codes and other standards and shall obtain a Fire Safety

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- Certificate, Building Safety Certificate and Sanitation Certificate from concerned authorities.
- g. Buildings of Tutorial Institutions or Coaching Centres shall be fully electrified and adequately ventilated, with provision for sufficient illumination in each classroom. The building shall provide access to safe potable drinking water.
 - h. Provision of separate toilets for male and female students and staff shall be made within the Tutorial Institution or Coaching Centre building premises.
 - i. Tutorial Institutions or Coaching Centres shall have adequate building facilities, with separate rooms provided for each class, course, or section. The number of students in any class, course, or section shall be a minimum of twenty and a maximum of eighty.
 - j. Each class room shall have adequate and appropriate seating arrangement and one table and chair for the teacher. Each classroom shall have an appropriate wall-mounted or roll-up or any other approved type of teaching board, which may include black board, white board, green board or smart board.
 - k. Tutorial Institutions or Coaching Centres shall have suitable building with one room for each class, course or section. Within the basic structure of the Tutorial Institution, a minimum one square meter area may be allocated for each student during a class or batch and ten square meters for the teacher to move around and teach. There shall be sufficient infrastructure in proportion to the number of students enrolled.
 - l. Tutorial Institutions or Coaching Centres shall be equipped with CCTV surveillance systems at appropriate locations, subject to strict adherence to privacy norms and adequate security measures shall be ensured.
 - m. For the assistance of the students, Tutorial Institutions or Coaching centres shall have first aid kit and timely access to medical or mental health assistance. List of referral services like hospitals, doctors for emergency services, police helpline details, fire service helpline, women helpline, anti-ragging helpline, suicide prevention helpline etc. and shall be displayed and the students shall be informed about them.
 - n. The Tutorial Institution or Coaching Centres shall maintain and regularly update the phone numbers of parents or guardians to facilitate immediate communication during emergency situations.
 - o. A complaint box or register may be placed at the Tutorial Institutions or Coaching Centres for the students to raise a complaint. Complaints may also be received via e-mail or WhatsApp. Tutorial Institutions shall have a committee for redressal of complaints or grievances of students within a period not exceeding fifteen days depending on the nature, severity and urgency of the grievance. Where a complaint cannot be redressed within the said period, the Tutorial Institution or Coaching Centre shall communicate to the complainant, in writing or

through electronic means, the reasons for the delay and the likely time within which the grievance shall be redressed.

- p. Tutorial Institutions or Coaching Centres shall ensure the maintenance of an entry and exit log for students, either in physical or electronic form or through a CCTV camera at the entrance with storage of six months.
- q. Tutorial Institutions shall make efforts to complete the classes in the stipulated time as mentioned in the prospectus.
- r. Tutorial Institutions are recommended to organize classes for co-curricular activities for holistic development and enhancing cognitive abilities of students. The Tutorial Institutions, while teaching core subjects should also organize counselling sessions for tutor, employee and all students on personality development and life skills.

(4) The Code of Conduct of the Tutorial Institution shall be as follows namely:-

- a. The number of students to be enrolled in each class or batch may be clearly defined in the prospectus and published on website. In no case such enrolment shall be increased in class or batch during the currency of the course.
- b. The number of students admitted may be in line with the requirements of maintaining a healthy teacher-student ratio in each class and for creating more opportunities for building relationship with tutor and counsellors. It should be ensured that students are able to connect with the tutor and the student has easy access and visibility to the screen or blackboards.
- c. Students and parents shall be well apprised about the difficulty of exams, syllabus, level of intensity of preparation and efforts required from the student before enrolling into the course.
- d. Students shall be made aware about the educational environment, cultural living, realities, and difference between preparation of school level examinations and competitive examinations.
- e. Apart from options for admission in engineering and medical institutes, information about other career options may be provided to the students, so that they do not get stressed about their future and can choose a new option of alternative careers.
- f. An admission or mock test to assess the capability of the student may be conducted. Based on the capability and interest of student, the Tutorial Institution may convey the realistic expectation of student's capability to parents and suggest the way forward.
- g. Students and parents shall be made aware that admission in the Tutorial Institutions is no way guarantee of success for admission in institutions like medical, engineering, management, law etc. or in the competitive examination.

- h. Tutorial Institutions or Coaching Centres shall conduct periodic workshops and sensitization sessions regarding mental health for students and parents in collaboration with mental health professionals.
- i. Tutorial Institution or Coaching Centre shall create awareness amongst students and parents regarding the pedagogy, the timeline of the course, and the facilities available in the Tutorial Institution. They may be counselled about negative impacts of unnecessary mental pressure and burden of expectation on their children.
- j. Tutorial Institutions or Coaching Centres shall not, either directly or indirectly, compel or coerce students to purchase any books, notes, or study materials.
- k. Tutorial Institution or Coaching Centre shall not make public the result of assessment test conducted by it, either within and beyond its premises. Keeping the assessment test confidential, it should be used for regular analysis of performance of students and the student whose education performance is deteriorating, should be provided counselling as per the provisions of this guidelines.
- l. Tutorial Institutions or Coaching Centres shall ensure that their premises and activities promote a secure and dignified learning environment, free from all forms of sexual harassment, exploitation or abuse. They shall ensure communal harmony.

(5) Counselors and Psychologists Support-

- a. Due to high competition and academic pressure on students, Tutorial Institutions shall take steps for mental wellbeing of the students and may conduct classes without putting undue pressure on its students. Also, they shall establish the mechanism for immediate intervention to provide targeted and sustained assistance to students in distress and stressful situation.
- b. The Registering Authority may take steps to ensure that a counseling system be developed by the Tutorial Institution and is easily available for the students and parents. Information about the names of psychologists, counselors, and the time they render services may be given to all students and parents. Trained counsellors could be appointed in the Tutorial Institution to facilitate effective guidance and counselling for students and parents.
- c. Tutors may undergo training in mental health issues to convey information effectively and sensitively to students about their areas of improvement.
- d. The Tutorial Institution shall follow framework for promotion of mental health in the institution as per the following:-

Frame Work for Mental Health Promotion		
Level of Problems	Stakeholders to be involved	Level of Intervention
Promotion of Mental health and Well-being Awareness Building about mental health, common mental health problems, reducing stigma about help seeking for mental health concerns	Entire Institutional Community (Students and staff)	Universal Intervention for all Awareness and sensitization regarding mental health promotion, mental health concerns and help seeking (through periodic awareness sessions and activities and through easy access to educative resources on these topics)
Psychological Problems of milder severity	Empanelled or In-house Counsellors or Tutors, trained in basics of mental health support	Additional support to students in need who may be experiencing distress
Moderate to severe psychological Problems or distress which is long-standing, recurrent and causing significant impact in day-to-day life of student or any mental health condition or indications of risk to self-harm	Referral to a mental health professional service or a professional in addition to continued support via in-house Counsellors or support system in coordination with the external service provider	Professional Management

(6) Documents to be accompanied with the Application for Registration,- (a) Every application for registration of a Tutorial Institution shall be accompanied by an undertaking by the proprietor stating that,-

- i. he shall use only the word 'registered coaching center' and shall not use the words 'recognized' or 'approved' on any sign board or any prospectus or correspondence or communication of whatever nature or at any place;
- ii. coaching classes for those students who are also studying in institutions or schools shall not be conducted during their institutions or schools' hours.
- iii. the necessary information regarding the qualification of the tutors, time table of the coaching class, the fee charged and general

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- information, as specified, regarding the coaching class shall be displayed on the website and notice board at prominent place in the premises of the coaching center;
 - iv. he any tutor or person employed, in any manner in the coaching center has not been convicted for any offence involving moral turpitude and that any change in employment of tutor shall be immediately updated on the website of the Tutorial Institution.
 - v. he shall abide by the condition regarding the specified number of students to be admitted in the coaching class;
 - vi. he shall abide by the other terms and conditions of these rules;
- (b) PAN copy of the Head of Coaching Centre.
- (c) Copy of Registration (Type of Institution- Solo Proprietorship or Registered Trust or Registered Society or Registered Company or Others).
- (d) GST Certificate or Certificate of Non-applicability of GST.
- (e) Building Safety Certificate..
- (f) Fire Safety Certificate.
- (g) Copy of the Approved Building Plan of Coaching centre.
- (h) Sanitary Certificate issued by Corporation or Municipal Medical officer.
- (i) Copy of document proving the ownership or Rental agreement or Lease agreement of Coaching Centre building.
- (j) Consolidated list of Qualification Teaching Staff and their Qualification.
- (k) Copy of Permit (Trade License) issued by Local Government.
- (l) Registration or Renewal Fee Paid.
- (m) Per-Course Registration Fee Paid.
- (n) Any document in support of counselling services offered, Inclusivity and Accessibility.
- (o) Geographic coordinates, along with geotagged photographs of the premises.
- (7) Restriction on shifting of Tutorial Institution or Coaching Centre,- The Registration Certificate shall be valid only in respect of the premises specified therein and shall not be transferable or used for any other premises. Every Tutorial Institution or Coaching Centre shall conduct its activities only from the premises specified in the Certificate of Registration. Any change in the location or premises

of a Tutorial Institution or Coaching Centre shall require the submission of a fresh application for registration.

6. Annual Reports.- Every Tutorial Institution registered under these rules shall submit the Annual Report under sub-section (3) of section 35 to the Registering Authority. The Annual Report shall include,-

- a. general Information like Name and address of the Institution, Registration number and date of registration, branches if any, Name and designation of the proprietor;
- b. CA certified Turnover Statement;
- c. ITR Return copies of that financial year;
- d. fee Structure and concessions, refund Policy;
- e. fee collected statement for that financial year;
- f. copies of fee receipts issued to students;
- g. acquittance of teachers and non-teaching staff;
- h. details of Teachers and Non-Teaching Staff;
- i. list of courses or classes or batches or offered academic level-wise;
- j. list of students enrolled course-wise, level-wise;
- k. details of classrooms, labs, library and digital facilities;
- l. safety and student welfare measures compliance statements;
- m. feedback from students and compliance in case of grievance reported; and
- n. student results and performance indicators.
- o. declaration regarding Accuracy and completeness of Information Collected.
- p. any other Information sought by the Registering Authority.

7. Prohibition of appointment of Lecturer or Teachers and non-teaching staff in the Tutorial Institutions or Coaching Centres.- No person in the employment of Government or an aided institution as a Lecturer, Teacher, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor, Principal or non-teaching staff shall be appointed in the Tutorial Institutions.

8. Power and Duties of Registering Authority or Appellate Authority.-(1)
The Registering Authority or Appellate Authority may cancel the Certificate of Registration if the Tutorial Institution or Coaching Centre has violated any of the provisions of the Act, the rules, circulars, orders instructions etc issued under the Act:

Provided that, the cancellation of the Registration under this rules, not be made unless, the Tutorial Institution or Coaching Centre is given a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

(2) To constitute Grievance Redressal Cell at the district level for prompt and effective resolution of the grievances of students and their parents.

(3) Inspect suo moto not more than twice in a year or upon any complaint or by any,-

- a. officer authorised by the Chairman of District Level Monitoring Committee. The owner or person-in-charge of the Coaching Centre shall produce before the District Level Monitoring Committee such records as may be required during the inspection;
- b. such officer so authorised to enquire any Tutorial Institution or Coaching Centre regarding the fulfilment of required eligibility of registration and satisfactory activities of coaching centre shall submit his inspection report to the Appellate Authority within three days of inspection;
- c. to give directions for refund of remaining fee in case a student has paid for the course in full and is leaving the course in the middle of the prescribed period out of the fees deposited earlier for the remaining period, on pro-rata basis within ten days. District level Monitoring Committee may direct to refund the hostel fees and mess fee etc. if the student is staying in the hostel of the coaching centre;
- d. to meet as often as may be necessary at such time and place as may be decided by the Chairman of the District Committee but not less than once in every two months; and
- e. to ensure refund of entire fee to the student by the coaching centre in case of cancellation of registration by the institution, or self-closure of Tutorial Institution or coaching centre.

9. Disposal of complaints.- (1) An appeal may be filed before the Appellate Authority by any aggrieved person or Tutorial Institutions or Coaching Centres regarding delay in or refusal for granting or renewing registration and cancellation of registration within thirty days from the date of receipt of such order.

(2) After giving opportunity of hearing on the report of the District level Monitoring Committee or the Inquiry Committee as the case may be, the Appellate Authority shall impose penalty up to a maximum of rupees five lakh depending on the degree of non-compliance or seriousness of violation or take action for cancellation of registration.

(3) A complaint may be filed before the District Level Monitoring Committee against the Tutorial institutions or Coaching Centres by the student, parent or tutor or employee of the Tutorial Institution or Coaching Centre and against the students or parents by the Tutorial Institutions. The complaints shall be disposed of within thirty days by the District Level Monitoring Committee or by an Inquiry Committee constituted for the purpose by the state government.

10. General Instruction.- (1) The Tutorial Institution/Coaching Centre shall indicate the registration number under which it is registered in all its correspondences with the department or otherwise.

(2) The Tutorial Institution or Coaching Centre shall co-operate with the inspecting officers whenever they visit the institutions for inspection, by providing accessibility to various records and registers, etc., required to be maintained under the Act and rules.

11. Repeal and Savings.- (1) the Karnataka Tutorial Institutions (Registration & Regulation) Rules, 2001 are hereby repealed. This supersession of the said rules The Karnataka Tutorial Institutions/Coaching Centres (Registration & Regulation) Rules, 2026 shall come into force on the date of their issuance.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, any act or thing done under the said rule shall be deemed to be have done under these Rules and may be continued and completed under the corresponding provisions of these rules.

(3) Notwithstanding anything in these Rules, all Rules, orders, notifications, appointments, schemes, bye-laws, regulations, official memoranda, circulars or any other orders made or issued before the commencement of these rules and in force on the date of such commencement providing for or relating to any of the matters for the furtherance of which this rule is enacted shall to continue to be in force and effective as if there made under the corresponding provisions of these rule unless and until superseded by anything done or any action taken or any notification, rule, orders, notifications, appointments, schemes, bye-laws, regulations, official memorandum, circular or any other order made or issued under these rule.

This has been issued based on the concurrence given in Cabinet Note No. 649/2026, dated:14.10.2026.

By Order and in the name of
Governor of Karnataka,

(M. DAYANANDA)
Deputy Secretary to Government
Higher Education Department
(Collegiate & General)