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Change in name will not affect alumni, say deemed varsities

If students want, we will give letter explaining name change: Manipal, KLE

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BENGALURU: Following a Supreme Court order and directive from the University Grants Commission (UGC), deemed-to-be universities in the country had to drop the word 'University' from their names.

Five deemed-to-be universities in Karnataka were affected by the directive and former students were left wondering if it would have any affect on them.

Dr Narayana Sabhahit, Registrar, Manipal Academy of Higher Education

(MAHE), formerly known as Manipal University, said that the change would not affect alumni who received their degree under the former name.

He said they would provide a letter explaining the name change, if students required it when applying for jobs or higher education.

"We will give a letter quoting the Supreme Court directive and the the UGC letter. Students will not face any problems because changes in names of universities do happen," he said. Usually, recruiters contact them directly seeking a clarification

and the institution will provide supporting documents, Dr Sabhahit said.

Until 2006, Manipal University was known as MAHE and some courses, including medical and dental, were still under that name in the UGC record, he said.

He expressed confidence that the name change would not affect the brand name of the institution, more so because they are well known by the name MAHE, too.

The institution attracts a large number of international students, so there may be a little confusion at first about the name change, Dr

Sabhahit said.

"We have already changed the name on the website and we have given an explanation for it, too. People will understand. Ultimately, it is the quality of education that matters," Sabhahit said.

Similarly, KLE University has changed its name to KLE Academy of Higher Education and Research. Vice-Chancellor Dr Vivek A Saoji said, "The change is prospective. For degrees which were issued earlier, if it comes to credentials, the university will give clarification. Earlier also, when there was a need we have

given such clarification. We will be in a position to verify that the change was because of a directive. The course, curriculum, degree requirements, and other things remain the same."

Dr Saoji said that there is bound to be some confusion whenever a change takes place. However, because of reports in the media, students will be aware of the reason for the change.

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IN THE COURT OF THE
HON'BLE PRINCIPAL
DISTRICT JUDGE
AT MYSORE

After NEET, students in state want JEE in Kannada

English, Hindi and Gujarati are the only three language options; students have to pick one of these while filling up the application forms

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AFTER National Eligibility Cum Entrance Test (NEET), candidates from Karnataka are now fighting for inclusion of Kannada language as one of the options to attempt the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE).

Students from Gujarat can opt for question papers in Gujarati language for the Joint Entrance Exam (Main), the country's top competitive engineering entrance exam.

"Why is the facility not available for other regional languages, including Kannada," ask students from Karnataka.

Many JEE aspirants have ap-

proached the state higher education department and Kannada Development Authority (KDA), urging them to request Centre for inclusion of Kannada in JEE.

The JEE (Main) for 2018 is scheduled to be held on April 8 (offline) and April 15 and 16 (online).

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When contacted, both KDA and state higher education department officials said that they will write to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and the Ministry of Human Re-

source Development (MHRD) about the discrimination.

"I am going to Delhi on December 17 to meet Members of Parliament and other ministers concerned from the state. If necessary, I will even meet the HRD minister and request him



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Official from the state higher education department

to include Kannada as a language option in JEE," said KDA chairperson Prof SG Siddaramaiah.

"Question paper in Kannada will definitely help students from rural backgrounds."

"We are drafting a letter along with copies of representations received from students. Once it is ready, we will send it to the minister for approval and later to authorities concerned at MHRD and CBSE," said a senior official from the state higher education department.

On inclusion of Gujarati alone, a CBSE official said, this is there since 2013.

"Such decisions should be tak-

en at the government level. We are just the exam conducting authority. As far I know, only Gujarat government had requested for question paper option in their local language," the official added.

"If we get an option to answer in Kannada language, it will help many students like me who hail from rural Karnataka," said Bhoomika CR, a second PU student.

"Kannada language option was not much favoured in NEET due to the difficulties involved in translation of medical terms. But that is not the case in engineering," said another PU student Likith.

IMPORTANT DATES

November 20: Notification for JEE (Main) released

April 8: Offline exams to be held in two sessions

April 15 and 16: Online exams to be held

January 1, 2018: Deadline to submit online applications on www.jeemain.nic.in

MEDIUM OF QUESTION PAPER: English, Hindi and Gujarati