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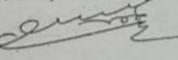
Dtd.; Dharwad, the 18 March 2015

EXECUTIVE ORDER

SUBJECT: REGULATIONS & RECOGNITION OF SECONDARY AND SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY BOARD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION HUBLI (BSEH), DHARWAD, KARNATAKA.

The Board of School Education Hubli (BSEH) located at Akalwadi Building, Vidyanagar, Hubli, Dharwad, Karnataka-580031 is an autonomous institution registered under Govt. of Karnataka, It has been established with an objective to provide flexible school education in open and distance learning mode for Secondary & Senior Secondary level to the drop-outs, especially girls, persons with disability and other weaker sections of the society belonging to SC/ST etc...

- 1. Due to inadequacies of the existing open schooling system and in absence of a State open school in Karnataka and with an objective to universalize school education, especially among disadvantaged groups, the Board of School Education Hubli (BSEH) has proposed to introduce Open Schooling system in the State of Karnataka by incorporating missing links to make it vibrant and learner friendly by following the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) modules for the Secondary & Senior secondary courses.
- 2. The proposed Open Schooling System shall have the following features, regulations and criteria:
- a) Secondary & Senior Secondary School Courses (SSC) Programme the learner will study 5 subjects for purpose of Certification. However a learner is permitted to study one more subject (6th subject).
- b) The National institute of Open Schooling norms that courses, curriculum in each subject will be planned for 100 hours of study time, and out of this 40 hours is to be at study centers / personal contact classes and 60 hours as self-study will be adopted.
- c) In respect of SSC Programme, Board of School Education Hubli (BSEH) will conduct Public Examinations twice a year. A candidate will get nine chances to



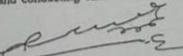


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appear in the Public Examinations over a period of 5 years from the date of registration to complete the SSC Courses.

- d) Director/Chief Executive Officer/Controller of Examination (if any), Board of School Education Hubli (BSEH) shall issue SSC Pass certificates under the emblem of Board of School Education Hubli (BSEH) to all those who pass the SSC courses (5 subjects). These certificates are equivalent to SSC of formal system of any govirecognized SSC Boards and they are valid for purpose of higher education and government employment. However, if a candidate proposes to enter into Inter I year course on passing SSC (BSEH), he/she would have chosen studied and passed the formal school subjects viz One Indian Language, English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Sciences.
- e) A candidate can choose to appear in any one or more subjects in any examination and earn credits, which will be accumulated till all 5 subjects required for certification are successfully completed within a period of 5 years from the date of registration.
- f) Candidates who have appeared in SSC Examination in any other board recognized by COBSE and have passed in certain subjects can get their credits transferred up to a maximum of two subjects while appearing for SSC in the Open Schooling System.
- g) No admission or examination fee will be charged for the students belonging to persons with disability, orphanage and weaker sections from SC/ST categories in the State of Karnataka.
- At SSC Level it will be offered in any Indian regional language and English medium.
- NIOS study material, including any Indian language and English translations, wherever available will be adopted; the remaining course material will be developed by the Board of School Education Hubli (BSEH).
- In respect of Vocational Courses, various reputed Vocational Educational Institutions will be approved and made partners in the programme. The candidates on choosing to study vocational subject will have to undergo the vocational programme in approved vocational institutions and will have to separately pay the approved vocational course fee to the concerned vocational institution. To start with, maximum vocational courses will be started in partnership with all working departments of state (PWD/PHE/RWD/Power) etc. Many more academic subjects and vocational courses, district specific, on the basis of modern and current trends, industries and vocational agencies available in the district will be considered for implementation in future.
- The BSEH shall have the liberty to decide to allocate study or academic/information centres and/or vocational study centres in any part of the State in an appropriate manner, for which intimation would be given to the DDPI Dharwad, Karnataka of the concerned district(s). It will have the option to set up its branch(s) at places other than Karnataka also as per operational requirement or as the scheme progresses, than Karnataka also as per operational requirement or as the scheme progresses, printing of textbooks / study material, examination material, use of E-teaching/E-printing of textbooks / study material, examination material, use of E-teaching/E-education/E-learning methods and conducting offline/online/ On Demand-On*Line





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examinations etc., or procuring the same, wherever required, shall be the responsibility of the BSEH.

- To operationalize the new scheme on the lines of NIOS, Board of School Education Hubbi (BSEH) may create/appoint Directors/Chief Executive Officer/Controller of Examination and take necessary steps to strengthen the structures and constitute committees whenever necessary, the official website of BSEH is www.bsch.ac.in with its Administrative office located in Karpataka.
- 3. The Government after careful examination of the proposals hereby permits the Board of School Education Hubli (BSEH) for introducing of Open Schooling Programmes in the State as mentioned above with immediate effect subject to the condition that the Board of School Education Hubli (BSEH) will function as a self-sustained/non-governmental body without any financial commitment support from the State Government.

4. The Board of School Education Hubli (BSEH), Dharwad is directed to function the organization/board within the purview /framework or regulation as mentioned and requested to take necessary action in the matter.

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 The President/Chairman of Board of School Education Hubli (BSEH), Akalwadi Building, Vidyanagar, Hubli, Dharwad, Karnataka-580031.

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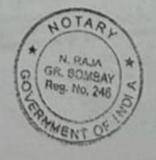
 The President, Council of Boards of School Education in India (COBSE), 6H BigJos Tower, Netaji Subhash Place, Ring Road, Delhi-110034 for kind information please.

4. All Chairmen/Presidents, State Boards / Councils of School Education in India

(member-Boards of COBSE) for kind information please.

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