

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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A Bill to provide for the establishment of the Rahim Jan University

Whereas it is necessary to provide for the establishment of the *Rahim Jan University (RJU)* in the private sector and to provide for matters connected therewith and ancillary thereto;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

- 1) **Short Title and Commencement.**— 1) This Act may be called as the Rahim Jan University Act, 2023.
2) It shall come into force at once.
- 2) **Definitions.**— In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context:
 - a) "RJU" means Rahim Jan University;
 - b) "Academic Council" means the Academic Council of the RJU;
 - c) "Authority" means any of the Authorities of the RJU;
 - d) "Board" means Board of Governors of the RJU;
 - e) "Board of Directors" means members of board of Rahim Jan Education & Research Private Limited;
 - f) "Chancellor" means the Chancellor of the RJU;
 - g) "Dean" means the head of a Faculty or the head of an academic body granted the status of a Faculty by this Act or by the Statutes or Regulations;
 - h) "Government" means the (Federal) Government of Islamic Republic of Pakistan;
 - i) "Rahim Jan Education & Research Private Limited" means Rahim Jan Education & Research Private Limited;
 - j) "Patron" means the Patron of the RJU;
 - k) "Prescribed" means prescribed by Statutes, Regulations or Rules made under this Act;
 - l) "Registrar" means the Registrar of the RJU;
 - m) "Search Committee" means the Search Committee constituted by the Chancellor for making recommendations for appointment of the Vice-Chancellor;
 - n) "Statutes", "Regulations" and "Rules" mean respectively the Statutes, the Regulations and the Rules of RJU made under this Act and for the time being in force;
 - o) "Teachers" include Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors, Lecturers, engaged whole-time by the University;
 - p) "Teaching Department" means a teaching department established and maintained by the Rahim Jan University;
 - q) "Treasurer" means the Treasurer of the RJU;
 - r) "University" means RJU as constituted under this Act; and
 - s) "Vice-Chancellor" means the Vice-Chancellor of the RJU.
- 3) **Establishment and Incorporation of the University.**— (1) There shall be established an University to be called as Rahim Jan University (RJU) with its Principle seat located at Islamabad.

- c) one member from the concerned Faculty, to be nominated by the concerned Board of Studies;
 - d) three Teachers to be nominated by the Academic Council by reason of their specialized knowledge of Subjects which, though not assigned to the Faculty, have in the opinion of the Academic Council, important bearing on the subjects assigned to the Faculty; and
 - e) three members may be nominated by Board of Directors of eminence personality in education or industry as co-opted members
- 2) The members, mentioned in clauses (c), (d) and (e) of sub-section (1) shall hold office for three years.
 - 3) The quorum for a meeting of the Board of a Faculty shall be one half of the total number of members, fractions being counted as one.
 - 4) The Board of each Faculty shall, subject to the general control of the Academic Council and the Board of Governors, have the powers,
 - a) to coordinate the teaching and research in the subject assigned to the Faculty;
 - b) to scrutinize the schemes of courses and syllabi proposed by the Board of Studies comprised in the Faculty, and forward them to the Academic Council along with its observations; and
 - c) to perform such other functions as may be prescribed.

42) Board of Studies.- (1) There shall be a Board of Studies for each subject or group of subjects as may be prescribed by the Regulation.

- 2) Each Board of Studies shall consist of:
 - a) the Head of the Teaching Department concerned;
 - b) all Professors and Associate Professors in the Teaching Department concerned;
 - c) two Rahim Jan University Teachers (Assistant Professor or Lecturer), other than Professors or Associate Professors of relevant department, to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor; and
 - d) three experts, other than Rahim Jan University Teachers, to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor.
- 3) The term of office of members of the Board of Studies, other than ex-officio members, shall be three years.
- 4) The quorum for a meeting of the Board of Studies shall be one half of the total number of members, a fraction being counted as one.
- 5) The Head of the Rahim Jan University Teaching Department concerned shall be the Chairperson and Convener of the Board of Studies.
- 6) The functions of the Board of Studies shall be:
 - a) to advise authorities on academic matters connected with instructions, research and examinations in the subjects concerned at Rahim Jan University;
 - b) to propose and/or amend curricula and syllabi for all degree, diploma and certificate courses in the subject or subjects concerned;
 - c) to propose internals and/or externals panel of examiners for examination, if any;
 - d) to propose supervisors for research students and to determine the subject of their thesis/project;
 - e) to perform such other functions as may be prescribed by Regulations; and
 - f) to propose subject experts for Selection Board.

43) Board of Advanced Studies and Research.- (1) There shall be a Board of Advanced Studies and Research consisting of:

- a) the Vice-Chancellor, who shall be the Chairperson and in his absence senior most Dean shall be the Chairperson;
 - b) the Deans;
 - c) three Rahim Jan University Professors, other than Deans, to be appointed by the Board of Governors;
 - d) three Rahim Jan University Teachers having research qualifications and experience, to be appointed by the Academic Council; and
 - e) the Professors Emeritus/National, if any.
- 2) The term of the office of the members of the Board of Advanced Studies and Research, other than ex-officio members, shall be three years.
 - 3) The quorum for a meeting of the Board of Advanced Studies and Research shall be one half of the total member of members, a fraction being counted as one.
 - 4) The functions of the Board of Advanced Studies and Research shall be:
 - a) to advise the Authorities on all matters connected with the promotion of advanced studies and research in the Rahim Jan University;
 - b) to propose Regulations regarding the award of research degrees;
 - c) to approve supervisors for research students and to determine the subject of their thesis, on the recommendation of Board of Studies;
 - d) to approve panels of examiners for research examination after considering the proposals of the Board of Studies in this behalf; and
 - e) to perform such other functions as may be prescribed by Statutes.
 - 5) Chairperson of the Board of Advanced Studies and Research shall be the responsible for finalizing the externals from the proposed panel of examiners.

44) The Selection Board.- (1) There shall be a Selection Board consisting of:

- a) the Vice-Chancellor who shall be the Chairperson;
 - b) one member of the Board of Directors nominated by the Chairman of Board of Directors;
 - c) one member of the Board of Governors nominated by Board of Governors;
 - d) two persons of eminence nominated by the Vice-Chancellor, provided that none of them is an employee of the Rahim Jan University;
 - e) the Deans of the Faculty;
 - f) the Head of the Teaching Department concerned; and
 - g) one subject expert to be nominated by the Board of Studies, from a standing list of experts.
- 2) The members of the Selection Board, other than ex-officio members, shall hold office for three years.
 - 3) The quorum for a meeting of the Selection Board shall be one half of the total members.
 - 4) No member of the Selection Board who is a candidate for the post to which appointment is to be made shall take part in such proceedings of the Selection Board.
 - 5) The Selection Board for teaching and other posts shall consider the applications received in response to an advertisement, and recommend to the Board of Governors the names of suitable persons for appointment to teaching or other posts, as the case may be, and may also recommend:
 - a) the grant of a higher initial pay in a suitable case for reasons to be recorded;

- b) the appointment of an eminently qualified person to a Professorship in the Rahim Jan University on terms and conditions other than those prescribed; and
 - c) cases of move-over and award of increments/cash award on the basis of research or academic contribution as prescribed.
- 6) In the event of unresolved difference of opinion between the Selection Board and the Board of Governors, the matter shall be referred to the Patron whose decision thereon shall be final.

45) Discipline Committee.- (1) The Discipline Committee shall consist of:

- a) a Chairperson of Discipline Committee to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor;
 - b) two Professors to be nominated by the Academic Council;
 - c) two Professors to be nominated by the Board of Governors; and
 - d) the teacher or officer-in-charge of students' affairs by whatever name called (Member/Secretary).
- 2) The term of office of the members of the Committee, other than ex-officio members, shall be two years.
- 3) The quorum for a meeting of Discipline Committee shall be one half of the total members and fraction shall be counted as one.
- 4) The functions of the Discipline Committee shall be:
- a) to propose Regulations to the Academic Council relating to the conduct of Rahim Jan University students, maintenance of discipline and breach of discipline.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The main functions of higher education and universities are predominantly two-fold. One is as educational establishments and the second as generators of knowledge and technology. Keeping in view the afore-mentioned importance this Bill aims at providing the framework for establishment of Rahim Jan University (RJU) for the provision of best facilities to the upcoming professionals in terms of dedicated faculty, labs the library, research intensive culture and an environment of higher education by equipping students with knowledge with an approach to solve interdisciplinary problems.

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