



**102 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CWP-22054-2024(O&M)
Date of decision: 18.10.2024**

**Guru Nanak Khalsa College for Women,
Ludhiana**

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL**

**Present: Mr. R. Kartikeya, Advocate
for the petitioner.**

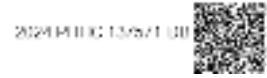
Mr. Anurag Chopra, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab.

**Mr. Akshay Kumar Goel, Advocate
or respondents No.3 and 4.**

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J.

1. The petitioner is an aided College which receives grant-in-aid from Punjab Government whereas affiliated with the Punjab University located in Chandigarh. Through this writ petition, the petitioner alleges that the decision of the Registrar of the University to permit conduct of admissions through centralized portal in affiliated Colleges in the State of Punjab is without jurisdiction. In substance, the petitioner claims that after the decision of Senate and Syndicate, the Registrar of the University had no jurisdiction to permit admission through Centralized Admission Portal.

2. A detailed written statement has been filed by the University while contesting the writ petition. It is stated that with respect to academic Session starting in the year 2023, the Syndicate vide Resolution passed on 25.03.2023,



resolved that the scheduled and online process suggested by the Punjab Government were not approved and the University and its Colleges would follow their own procedure/process. The Principals of all the Colleges and concerned officials of the University were issued letter on 24.05.2023 to this effect. However, on 26.05.2023, the letter dated 24.05.2023 was withdrawn as the matter was to be taken up on 23.06.2023 by the Senate. The Senate also resolved that the Punjab Government and the Chandigarh Administration be informed that the Punjab University did not approve directive of the Punjab Government and Chandigarh Administration for making admissions in affiliated Colleges through Centralized Online Portal, which was duly communicated. However, all the Colleges except the petitioner-College, situated within the State of Punjab and affiliated with the Punjab University and constituted Colleges of the Punjab University joined Centralized Admission Portal and admitted students in their Colleges for the Session 2023-24. Subsequently, the tenure of the Syndicate, which was elected in the year 2022 was to lapse on 31.12.2023 and new Syndicate to be elected before 31.12.2023. However, on account of interim order passed by the High Court staying the election of the last Syndicate in the current term of the Senate, the elections could not be held. The Senate of the University, which is the supreme body, vide para 2 of its Resolution passed on 10.02.2024, unanimously resolved to authorize the Vice Chancellor to perform all functions and responsibilities of the Syndicate till the same was constituted while taking into consideration the fact that election of six ordinary fellows from the faculties did not have the approval of the Hon'ble Chancellor and the affected persons



filed writ petition, in which, the elections have been stayed. The operative part of the resolution passed by the Senate on 10.02.2024 is extracted as under:-

“RESOLVED: That until the new Syndicate is constituted, the Vice Chancellor be authorized to perform all the functions and responsibilities of the Syndicate.”

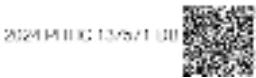
3. The Vice Chancellor on 12.06.2024, considered the proposal of Centralized Admission Portal introduced by the State of Punjab w.e.f. Session 2024-25 and found that it would introduce a transparent process of centralized admission, which will uplift the standard of education through effective measures by providing best facilities and opportunities to the students of the State. Consequently, the Vice Chancellor in the interest and convenience of the student permitted admission through Centralized Admission Portal, which was subsequently communicated by the Registrar. The petitioner has not filed any replication contesting the aforesaid position.

4. During the hearing learned counsel representing the petitioner failed to draw the attention of the Court to any prejudice caused to the petitioner on account of admission through centralized portal. The petitioner's counsel alleges discrimination *vis-a-vis* the private Universities.

5. However, learned counsel representing the respondent-University has stated that those private Universities have no affiliated College outside their campus and those private Universities fall in entirely different category.

6. This Court has considered the submissions made by the learned counsel representing the parties.

7. The Punjab University was set up under the Punjab University Act, 1947 (hereinafter referred to as ‘the 1947 Act’). As per Section 11 of the



1947 Act, the Senate shall be vested with the power of entire management of Superintendent over the affairs, concerns and property of the University, which is a body corporate consisting of the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, ex-officio fellows and ordinary fellows. Under Section 20 of the 1947 Act, the executive governance of the University is vested in the Syndicate. The Syndicate of the University is not in existence after 31.12.2023. The Senate which is the supreme body of University has taken a conscious decision to authorize the Vice Chancellor to perform all functions and responsibilities of the Syndicate. It is evident that the decision has been taken by the Vice Chancellor on 12.06.2024 in the interest and convenience of the students. As already noticed, the petitioner failed to show any prejudice. Moreover, the petitioner’s College is located in State of Punjab and it is receiving 90% grant-in-aid. The admission through Centralized Admission Portal brings transparency which are for the benefit and convenience of the students. The calendar as notified by the Punjab University is being followed.

- 8. Keeping in view the aforesaid discussion, the writ petition lacks merit.
- 9. Accordingly, the petition stands dismissed.
- 10. All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, are also disposed of.

(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

18.10.2024

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	Whether Reportable :	Yes	No