IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE OF BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

904 CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 12718 OF 2026
IN WP/13231/2026

Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University Through Deputy Registrar Dr. Vishnu Maruti Karhale

VERSUS

Vasantrao Naik Mahavidyalaya Through Its Secretary Nitin R Rathod And Others

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Mr. Sambhaji S. Tope, Advocate for Applicant
Mr. N.D. Batule, AGP for State
Mr. Saiprasad Vaidya, Advocate for Respondent No. 1
Mr. Suresh Munde, Advocate for Respondent No. 3

WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 13231 OF 2026

CORAM : NITIN B. SURYAWANSHI AND

ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, JJ.

DATE : 26th OCTOBER, 2026

PER COURT :

1. Heard learned advocate for the applicant, learned advocate for Respondent No. 1, learned AGP for State and learned Advocate for Respondent No. 3.

2. In the Writ Petition, petitioner has made following prayers;

> *A. To quash and set aside the communication dated 07.03.2026 issued by the respondent no. 3 to the petitioner, by issuing a writ of certiorari or any other writ, order or directions as the case may be.*
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> *B. To quash and set aside the Order of Amendment Ordinance for Affiliation Fee/150, 151, 152, 152 A, 152*

B/2025, by issuing a writ of certiorari or any other writ, order or directions as the case may be.

C. And injunction restraining respondent no. 3 it's agents servants and representatives from implementing or taking coercive steps in pursuant to communication dated 07.03.2026.

D. Pending hearing and disposal of this writ petition prohibit the Respondent No. 3 from interfering in the scheduled examination of the Petitioner Institution only for the reason of compliance of the impugned letter.

3. While issuing notice in the writ petition, we have granted ad-interim relief in terms of prayer clause 'D'.

4. The University by the present application prays for vacating ad-interim relief and/or modification of the same on the ground that the University has already scheduled the exam of 742 students at Respondent No. 1/College from tomorrow and hall tickets are issued, so also, all the necessary arrangements are made. Therefore, the University may be permitted to conduct examination scheduled tomorrow. Reliance is placed on the letter dated 07.03.2026 (Exhibit-G), Page 43 of the petition, wherein it is stated that autonomous status would come into effect from the batch which is admitted after the autonomous status is granted to the Petitioner-College.

5. Learned advocate for the Respondent No. 1 has vehemently opposed the application by placing reliance on Clause 3.10 of the University Grants Commission (Conferment of Autonomous Status Upon Colleges and

Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations, 2023 and Section 2(5)(6) and 122(4) of Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 to contend that the Respondent No. 1/College is entitled to conduct its own examination in view of autonomous status.

6. Prima facie, we find substance in the contentions raised by the University and as already 742 students are issued hall tickets and all the arrangements are made to conduct the examinations tomorrow. In our view, if the University conducts examination tomorrow, this would not amount to interference in the autonomous status of Respondent No. 1/Petitioner-College. Having regard to the main prayers made in the writ petition, we deem it appropriate to modify the ad-interim relief granted in favour of the Respondent No. 1/Petitioner-College.

7. In that view of the matter, ad-interim relief granted is modified to the following extent.

> *"The University is permitted to conduct examination scheduled from tomorrow of 742 students. Respondent No. 1/Petitioner-College shall co-operate in conduct of examinations."*

8. Civil Application is disposed of.

9. Authenticated copy is permitted.

(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J.) (NITIN B. SURYAWANSHI, J.)

Bhagyawant Punde