IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE OF BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

903 CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 12717 OF 2026
IN WP/11268/2026

Shravani Sachin Ghorpade And Others
VERSUS
Sumit Shivling Kharat And Others
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Mr. N.D. Batule, AGP for State
Mr. Ashutosh Mishra, Advocate for Petitioner in WP/11268/2026
Mr. S.W. Munde, Advocate for Respondent No. 1 in Writ petition
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Ms. Sheetal Salunke, Advocate for Respondents No. 8 and 9 in Writ Petition

CORAM : NITIN B. SURYAWANSHI AND
ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, JJ.

DATE : 26th OCTOBER, 2026

PER COURT :

1. By this application, applicants seek following substantive reliefs;

> *"B. Direct the original petitioners to add the applicants as party in the array of respondents/petitioners in Writ Petition No. 11268/2026.*
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> *C. Pass an order to set-aside Sub-Junior WUSHU State Championship and 24th Junior WUSHU State Championship results of selection trials conducted between 23rd - 24th September, 2026; and*
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> *D. Direct that the results of 23rd Sub-Junior WUSHU State Championship and 24th Junior WUSHU State Championship the selection trials conducted from 4th to 8th September, 2026 be declared and the winners be*

permitted to participate in the upcoming 26th Sub Junior National Wushu Championship 2026-2027 scheduled to start from 18th to 24th December, 2026 and 25th Junior National Wushu Championship 2026-27 is declared on 28th October to 2nd November, 2026."

2. We have heard learned advocate for the applicants, learned advocate for original petitioners, learned AGP for State and learned advocates for Respondents.

3. Pursuant to the order dated 15.10.2026, trials/selection event was conducted on 23rd and 24th October, 2026 and candidates are selected who would represent the State of Maharashtra in the event scheduled on 28.10.2026.

4. Applicants make a grievance that several district associations addressed a representation to Respondent No. 7 on 20/21.10.2026 contending that the principal objective of the order passed by this Court is to ensure transparent selection and providing deserving athletes with an opportunity to represent the State of Maharashtra in National event. However, it has come to know that several deserving Wushu athletes from Maharashtra i.e. more than 700 athletes who participated in the selection trials held on 4th to 8th September, 2026 including the applicants have not been given opportunity to participate in the current scheduled trials. It is further contended that in the

selection trials conducted from 23rd and 24th October, 2026 only about 150 athletes had participated as the invitation for the same neither extended to majority of district associations (more than 20 district) nor was it brought to wide publicity to enable deserving athletes to participate. Said trials have not been conducted fairly and were designed to handpick the players as against deserving athletes who have proved their worth time and again. This has caused serious prejudice to the applicants and other athletes who had participated in the selection trials conducted from 4th to 8th September, 2026 as they were not given opportunity to participate in the selection trials held on 23rd and 24th October, 2026.

Further grievance of the applicants is that only Junior category selection trials were held by the Directorate of Sports and no sub junior event is conducted.

5. Learned AGP has strenuously opposed the application. On instructions he submits that e-mail is forwarded to each and every District Wushu association, apart from that wide publicity is given. The entire selection trials were held by scrupulously following the directions of this Court. He further submits that since National event of junior category is to be held on 28.10.2026, selection trials of junior category only were conducted on 23rd and 24th October, 2026. The National

event for sub junior category is scheduled in the month of December, and therefore, before that selection trials of sub junior category will be conducted.

6. Admittedly, selection trials are conducted pursuant to the directions given on 15.10.2026. While issuing directions we have taken care that trials should be conducted in transparent manner by an independent committee of Sports Awardees, Games Experts, National or International Officials, qualified Wushu referees judges and official from Maharashtra who hold national or international accreditation.

7. We, therefore, find no merit in the contentions raised by the applicants in the present civil application. We are therefore not inclined to allow prayer clauses 'C' and 'D'. Said prayers are therefore rejected.

8. The Directorate of Sports and Youth Services is directed to conduct selection trials of sub junior category in the same manner as it has conducted selection process of junior category on 23rd and 24th October, 2026. The same shall be conducted at least 15 days prior to the National event, by giving wide publicity.

9. Civil Application is allowed only to the extent of permitting applicants to intervene in the writ petition. They are permitted to file reply to the writ petition and address at the time of admission.

10. Civil Application is accordingly disposed of.

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

Bhagyawant Punde