APHC010357132021

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI **[3457]**
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

THURSDAY, THE 19th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE HARINATH.N

WRIT PETITION Nos: 21611, 22536, 23641 of 2021

WRIT PETITION NO: 21611/2021

Between:

1. REV. DR. SISTER MARITA PUDOTA, D/O. GREGORIAH AGED ABOUT 79 YEARS, THE CORRESPONDENT CH.S.D. ST. THERESA COLLEGE FOR WOMEN(AUTONOMOUS)ELURU GAVARAVARAM, SANIVARAPUPETA P.O. ELURU, WEST GODAVARI ANDHRA PRADESH, 534003

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS SECRETARY, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, 1ST FLOOR, INTERIM GOVERNMENT COMPLEX A.P. SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, GUNTUR, ANDHRA PRADESH.
2. THE COMMISSIONER OF COLLEGIATE EDUCATION, ANR TOWERS, PRASADAMPADU, VIJAYAWADA, ANDHRA PRADESH
3. ANDHRA PRADESH STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION, REP. BY ITS SECRETARY 3RD, 4TH AND 5TH FLOORS, NEELADRI TOWERS SRI RAM NAGAR, 6TH BATTALION ROAD ATMAKUR (V) MANGLAGIRI (M) GUNTUR, ANDHRA PRADESH-522503
4. THE REGIONAL JOINT DIRECTOR OF COLLEGIATE EDUCATION, ZONE I AND II, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM EAST GODAVARI

DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH.

5. ADIKAVI NANNAYA UNIVERSITY, REP. BY ITS REGISTRAR RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM, ANDHRA PRADESH

...RESPONDENT(S):

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased toto issue a Writ Order or Direction in the nature of a WRIT OF CERTIORARIFIED MANDAMUS calling for the records relating to the impugned order of the 3rd Respondent in ref. No. APSCHE/AC/Online Admissions/2020 dated 06-11-2020 QUASH THE SAME, and further DIRECT the Respondents to extend the scholarship schemes and benefits viz., Jagananna Vidya Deevena and Jagananna Vasathi Deevana to the students of the Petitioner institution from the year 2020-2021, thereby continue the same for the future academic years also and pass

IA NO: 1 OF 2021

Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased pleased to grant an INTERIM DIRECTION directing the Respondent to provisionally extend the scholarship schemes and benefits viz., Jagananna Vidya Deevena and Jagananna Vasathi Deevena to the students of the Petitioner institution from the year 2020-2021 thereby continue the same for the future academic years also within a reasonable time as may be fixed by this Hon'ble Court, pending disposal of the Writ Petition, and pass

IA NO: 2 OF 2021

Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to grant an Ad INTERIM STAY of the operation of the impugned order of the 311 Respondent Council in ref. No. APSCHE/AC/Online Admissions/2020 dated 06-11-2020, pending disposal of the writ petition, and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. ANIL KUMAR DASARI

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. T SUDHAKAR

2. GP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

3. K RADHIKA

WRIT PETITION NO: 22536/2021

Between:

1. ANDHRA LOYOLA COLLEGE, THE CORRESPONDENT IT'S REPRESENTED BY DR.M.SAGAYARAJ, S/O MARK ELIAS, AGED ABOUT 59 YEARS, D.NO.54-16-14 VIJAYAWADA ANDHRA PRADESH, 520008

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS SPL. CHIEF SECRETARY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT LST FLOOR, INTERIM GOVERNMENT COMPLEX A.P. SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI GUNTUR, ANDHRA PRADESH.
2. THE COMMISSIONER OF COLLEGIATE EDUCATION ANR TOWERS, PRASADAMPADU, VIJAYAWADA, ANDHRA PRADESH.
3. ANDHRA PRADESH STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION, REP. BY ITS SECRETARY 3RD , 4THE AND 5TH FLOORS, NEELADRI TOWERS SRI RAM NAGAR, 6TH BATTALION ROAD ATMAKUR (V) MANGALAGIRI (M) GUNTUR, ANDHRA PRADESH - 522503
4. THE REGIONAL JOINT DIRECTOR OF COLLEGIATE EDUCATION ZONE I AND II, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH.
5. KRISHNA UNIVERSITY, REP. BY ITS REGISTRAR MACHILIPATNAM, ANDHRA PRADESH

...RESPONDENT(S):

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased to issue a Writ Order or Direction in the nature of a WRIT OF CERTIORARIFIED MANDAMUS calling for the records relating to the impugned order of the 3rd Respondent in ref. No. APSCHE/AC/Online Admissions/2020 dated 06-11-2020 QUASH THE SAME, and further DIRECT

the Respondents to extend the scholarship schemes and benefits viz., Jagananna Vidya Deevena and Jagananna Vasathi Deevana to the students of the Petitioner institution from the year 2020-2021, thereby continue the same for the future academic years also and pass

IA NO: 1 OF 2021

Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased pleased to grant an INTERIM DIRECTION directing the Respondent to provisionally extend the scholarship schemes and benefits viz., Jagananna Vidya Deevena and Jagananna Vasathi Deevena to the Students of Petitioner institution from the year 2020 — 2021 hereby continue the same for the future academic years also within a reasonable time as may be fixed by this Hon'ble Court, pending disposal of the Writ Petition

IA NO: 2 OF 2021

Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased pleased to grant an Ad INTERIM STAY of the operation of the impugned order of the 3rd Respondent Council in ref. No. APSCHE/AC/Online Admissions/2020 dated 06-11-2020, Pending disposal of the writ petition

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. ANIL KUMAR DASARI

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
2. K RADHIKA
3. T S N SUDHAKAR (SC FOR KRISHNA UNIVERSITY)

WRIT PETITION NO: 23641/2021

Between:

1. SISTER. SLEEVA THUMMA,, AGED ABOUT 70 YEARS, THE CORRESPONDENT MARIS STELLA NH-16 SERVICE RD, RTC COLONY VIJAYAWADA, ANDHRA PRADESH, 520008

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS SPL. CHIEF SECRETARY EDUCATION DEPARTMANT 1ST FLOOR, INTERIM GOVERNMENT COMPLEX A.P. SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, GUNTUR, ANDHRA PRADESH.
2. THE COMMISSIONER OF COLLEGIATE EDUCATION ANR TOWERS, PRASADAMPADU, VIJAYAWADA, ANDHRA PRADESH
3. ANDHRA PRADESH STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION, REP. BY ITS SECRETARY 3RD, 4TH AN A 5TH FLOORS, NEELADRI TOWERS SRI RAM NAGAR, 6TH BATTALION ROAD ATMAKUR (V) MANGLAGIRI (M) GUNTUR, ANDHRA PRADESH-522503
4. THE REGIONAL JOINT DIRECTOR OF COLLEGIATE EDUCATION, ZONE I AND II, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH.
5. KRISHNA UNIVERSITY, REP. BY ITS REGISTRAR MACHILIPATNAM, ANDHRA PRADESH

...RESPONDENT(S):

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased to issue a Writ Order or Direction in the nature of a WRIT OF CERTIORARIFIED MANDAMUS calling for the records relating to the impugned order of the 3I Respondent in ref. No. APSCHE/AC/Online Admissions/2020 dated 06-11-020 QUASH THE SAME, and further DIRECT the Respondents to extend the scholarship schemes and benefits viz., Jagananna Vidya Deevena and Jagananna Vasathi Deevana to the students of the Petitioner institution from the year 2020-2021, thereby continue the same for the future academic years also and pass

IA NO: 1 OF 2021

Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased pleased to DISPENSE WITH the production of the original copy of the impugned order in Ref.No. APSCHE/AC/Online Admissions/2020 dated 06-11-2020, and thus render Justice.

IA NO: 2 OF 2021

Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased pleased to grant an INTERIM DIRECTION directing the Respondent to provisionally extend the scholarship schemes and benefits viz., Jagananna Vidya Deevena and Jagananna Vasathi Deevena to the students of the Petitioner institution from the year 2020-2021 thereby continue the same for the future academic years also within a reasonable time as may be fixed by this Hon'ble Court, pending disposal of the Writ Petition, and pass

IA NO: 3 OF 2021

Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased pleased to grant an Ad INTERIM STAY of the operation of the impugned order of the 3rd Respondent Council in ref. No. APSCHE/AC/Online Admissions/2020 dated 06-11-2020, pending disposal of the writ petition, and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. ANIL KUMAR DASARI

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
2. K RADHIKA

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE HARINATH.N

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COMMON ORDER:

Heard learned Standing Counsel appearing for the Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education and the respective Universities. Perused the material available on record.

2. In all these three writ petitions, the petitioners are aggrieved by the proceedings dated 06.11.2020 issued by the Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education (for short, 'APSCHE'), communicating certain guidelines to the managements of Private Aided and Unaided Minority Degree Colleges in the State of Andhra Pradesh with regard to admissions for the academic year 2020-2021.

3. The Government of Andhra Pradesh introduced the online admission process from the academic year 2020-2021 and authorized the APSCHE to implement the same. In the impugned proceedings, the APSCHE stipulated that 70% of the seats in Private Aided and Unaided Minority Degree Colleges shall be filled up by the respective minority institutions with students belonging to the concerned religious minority, while the remaining 30% of the seats shall be filled up through online admissions. It was further stated that the minority institutions could make admissions on their own and that the Government welfare schemes would be extended accordingly. The question of filling up the

seats through the Convener through online admissions for this year and decision on the matter can be taken next year.

4. It is evident from the impugned proceedings that the guidelines in question were specifically intended for the academic year 2020-2021. Having regard to the fact that the academic year to which the impugned proceedings relate has already elapsed, and considering the submissions made on behalf of the respondents that no interim orders were passed by this Court, no further adjudication is required in these writ petitions.

5. In view of the above circumstances, these Writ Petitions are closed. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel, all the pending miscellaneous petitions, if any, shall stand closed.

JUSTICE HARINATH.N

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MAIN CASE No.: W.P.No.29249 of 2026

PROCEEDING SHEET

Sl.No	DATE	ORDER	OFFICE NOTE
	19.11.2026	**HN, J** These Writ Petitions are closed. (vide separate Common Order) **HN, J** KKV/SZT	