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NC: 2026:KHC:54626
WP No. 184 of 2026
CNR: KAHC010013342026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE K.S. HEMALEKHA

WRIT PETITION NO.184 OF 2026 (GM-KSR)

BETWEEN:

1. SRI. C. SIDDARAJU
S/O LATE CHIKKALINGAIAH,
AGED ABOUT 66 YEARS,
RESIDING AT NO.#283, 11TH CROSS,
NEAR TOTAL GAS BUNK TELECOM LAYOUT,
BANGALORE NORTH, MAGADI ROAD,
KARNATAKA – 560023.

2. SMT. Y. RENUKA,
W/O C. SIDDARAJU,
AGED ABOUT 60 YEARS,
RESIDING AT NO.#283, 11TH A MAIN,
PADARAYANAPURA MAIN ROAD,
TELECOM LAYOUT, VIJAYANAGAR,
BANGALORE NORTH, MAGADI ROAD,
KARNATAKA – 560023.

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3. SRI. C.V. RAMESH KUMAR,
S/O VEERALINGAIAH,
AGED ABOUT 48 YEARS,
RESIDING AT NO.26, 13TH E CROSS,
AGRAHARA DASARAHALLI,
BANGALORE NORTH,
BASAVESHWARANAGAR,
BANGALORE NORTH BENGALURU,
KARNATAKA – 560079.

4. SMT. A.H. SUNITHA
W/O C.V. RAMESH KUMAR,
AGED ABOUT 50 YEARS,
RESIDING AT NO.27,
ANNAYAPPA LAYOUT RMV 2ND STAGE,
SANJAYNAGAR, BANGALORE NORTH,

R.M.V. EXTENSION II STAGE POST OFFICE,
BANGALORE NORTH DISTRICT,
KARNATAKA – 560094.

5. SRI. PUTTARAJU .M
S/O MUNIGANGAIAH,
AGED ABOUT 62 YEARS,
RESIDING AT 481/1387,
7TH MAIN, 4TH CROSS,
NEAR NEW HORIGEN SCHOOL,
BEML LAYOUT, R.R. NAGAR,
5TH STAGE, 1ST PHASE,
BANGALORE SOUTH, BANGALORE,
KARNATAKA – 560098.

6. SRI. MANJUNATH G.K.
S/O KRISHNAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 48 YEARS,
RESIDING AT #42, 3RD MAIN ROAD,
3RD CROSS, NEAR SHARADA SCHOOL,
HOSAHALLI, BANGALORE NORTH,
VIJAYANAGAR, BANGALORE,
KARNATAKA – 560040.

7. SMT. MAMATHA .M
W/O MANJUNATH G.K.
AGED ABOUT 41 YEARS,
RESIDING AT #42, 1ST MAIN ROAD,
NEAR SHARADA SCHOOL, HOSAHALLI,
BANGALORE NORTH, VIJAYANAGAR,
BANGALORE, KARNATAKA – 560040.

8. SMT. DIVYASHREE .S
W/O M. MAHESH,
AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS,
RESIDING AT NO. #677/20,
61ST CROSS, 5TH BLOCK,
RAJAJINAGAR, BANGALORE NORTH,
KARNATAKA – 560010.

9. SRI. M. MAHESH,
W/O S. MADAIAH,
AGED ABOUT 47 YEARS,
RESIDING AT NO.#677/20,
61ST CROSS, 5TH BLOCK,

RAJAJINAGAR, BANGALORE NORTH,
KARNATAKA – 560010.

10. SRI. UMESH .V
S/O VENKTAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 42 YEARS,
RESIDING AT NO.#37,
2ND MAIN ROAD, 4TH CROSS,
HOSAHALLI COLONY, VIJAYNAGAR,
BANGALORE NORTH,
KARNATAKA – 560040.

11. SRI. H. HARISH
S/O HANUMAPPA P.C.
AGED ABOUT 37 YEARS,
RESIDING AT NO.20/1 A, 2ND MAIN,
3RD CROSS, HOSAHALLI,
VIJAYANAGAR, BANGALORE,
KARNATAKA – 560040.

12. SRI. GOVINDA
S/O VATTANNA,
AGED ABOUT 49 YEARS,
RESIDING AT NO.#23, 4TH MAIN ROAD,
2ND STAGE, BAPUJI NAGAR,
BANGALORE SOUTH,
KARNATAKA-560025.

13. SRI. LINGARAJU .C
S/O CHIKKA LINGAIAH,
AGED ABOUT 67 YEARS,
RESIDING AT NO.#26, 13TH E CROSS,
AGRAHARA DASARAHALLI,
BANGALORE NORTH, BANGALORE,
KARNATAKA- 560079.

14. SRI. GOVINDARAJU .V
S/O VENKATAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 49 YEARS,
RESIDING AT MADIHALLI,
AMRUTHUR TUMKUR,
HOLALAGUNDA POST,
TUMAKURU DISTRICT,
KARNATAKA – 572111.

15. SMT. MANJULA H.A.
W/O RANGA SWAMY .B
AGED ABOUT 47 YEARS,
RESIDING AT NO.17, 1ST CROSS,
10TH C MAIN, 3RD STAGE,
4TH BLOCK, J.C. NAGAR WATER TANK,
BASAVESHWARNAGAR,
BANGALORE NORTH,
KARNATAKA – 560079.

16. SRI. RANGA SWAMY
S/O BORAIAH,
AGED ABOUT 53 YEARS,
RESIDING AT NO.17, 1ST CROSS,
10TH C MAIN, 3RD STAGE,
4TH BLOCK, J.C. NAGAR WATER TANK,
BASAVESHWARNAGAR,
BANGALORE NORTH,
KARNATAKA – 560079.

17. SMT. SRILAKSHMI
W/O GOVINDARAJU .V
AGED ABOUT 39 YEARS,
RESIDING AT NO.278,
3RD MAIN ROAD, 3RD CROSS,
NEAR KAMALANAGAR MARKET,
KAMALANAGAR, BANGALORE NORTH,
BASAVESHWANAGAR POST,
BENGALURU, KARNATAKA – 560079.

18. SRI. MANJUNATHA .M
S/O MAILARAPPA .M
AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS,
RESIDING AT NO.#205,
1ST MAIN, 2ND CROSS,
GANGADHARA SCHOOL ROAD,
KAMALANAGARA, BANGALORE NORTH,
BASAVESHWARANAGAR,
KARNATAKA – 560079.

19. SRI. SRIDHARA .N
S/O SATHYANARAYANAPPA .K
AGED ABOUT 46 YEARS,
RESIDING AT NO.121, 1ST MAIN,
KEMPEGOWDA NAGAR,

LAGGERE VILLAGE,
PEENYA SMALL INDUSTRIES POST,
BANGALORE NORTH,
KARNATAKA – 560058.

20. SRI. SIDDESH .S
S/O SIDDAIAH,
AGED ABOUT 49 YEARS,
RESIDING AT NO.46, 1ST CROSS,
BYARAVESHWARANAGAR,
RAGHAVENDRASWAMY TEMPLE,
LAGGERE, BANGALORE NORTH,
PEENYA SMALL INDUSTRIES POST,
BANGALORE, KARNATAKA – 560058.

21. SMT. GAYATHRI ANANTH
W/O ANANTHA MURTHY .C
AGED ABOUT 41 YEARS,
RESIDING AT NO.201 R J,
HONEY DEW APARTMENT,
KODIGEHALLI, ALFA GARDEN LAYOUT,
KRISHNARAJAPURAM VILLAGE AND POST,
BANGALORE NORTH DISTRICT,
BANGALORE, KARNATAKA – 560036.

22. SRI. VENKATESHAIAH .V.T
S/O THIMMADASAIAH,
AGED ABOUT 59 YEARS,
RESIDING AT NO.140,
MACHOHALLI COLONY,
MACHOHALLI, BAPAGRAMA,
BANGALORE, KARNATAKA – 560091.

23. SRI. HANUMANTHAIAH .G
S/O GORAVAMALLAIAH,
AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS,
RESIDING AT NO.140,
MACHOHALLI COLONY,
MACHOHALLI, BAPAGRAMA,
BANGALORE, KARNATAKA – 560091.

24. SRI. SHANKAR
S/O NANJUNDAIAH,
AGED ABOUT 55 YEARS,
RESIDING AT NO.59TH

8TH A MAIN ROAD,
BANGALORE NORTH, BANGALORE,
KARNATAKA – 560104.

25. SMT. UMA
W/O UMESH .V
AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS,
RESIDING AT NO.37,
2ND MAIN 4TH CROSS,
HOSAHALLI COLONY VIJAYANAGAR,
BANGALORE NORTH,
VIJAYANAGAR POST,
KARNATAKA – 560040.

26. SRI. JANARDHAN .O
S/O OBLESH .S
AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS,
RESIDING AT NO.24,
1ST MAIN ROAD, 5TH CROSS,
JAGAJEEVANRAM NAGAR NORTH,
BANGALORE SOUTH,
CHAMRAJPET, BANGALORE,
KARNATAKA – 560016.

27. SRI. RAMAIAH
S/O ARASINGHAN,
AGED ABOUT 62 YEARS,
RESIDING AT NO.4, 1ST MAIN ROAD,
1ST CROSS, J.J.R. NAGAR UTTARA,
BANGALORE SOUTH, BANGALORE,
KARNATAKA – 560018.

28. SRI. VARIAGANGADHARAM
S/O VARALAKADIRAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 56 YEARS,
RESIDING AT NO.136,
2ND MAIN ROAD, 5TH CROSS,
RAYAPURAM J.J.R. NAGAR,
BANGALORE SOUTH, BANGALORE,
KARNATAKA – 560018.

…PETITIONERS

(BY SRI. SAGAR B.B., ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
DEPARTMENT OF CO-OPERATION,
VIDHANA SOUDHA,
BANGALORE – 560001.
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY.

2. THE DEPUTY REGISTRAR CUM
DISTRICT REGISTRATION OFFICER,
4TH ZONE, BANGALORE URBAN DISTRICT,
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY REGISTRAR,
BANGALORE – 560003.

3. THE ADMINISTRATOR,
KARNATAKA STATE ADI JAMBHAVAABHIVRDHI
SANGHA (R),
NO.143, 1ST MAIN ROAD (BAPUJI VIDYANILAYA),
HANUMANTHAPURA, GOPALPURA,
MAGADI MAIN ROAD,
BANGALORE – 560023.

4. THE RETURNING OFFICER,
KARNATAKA STATE ADI JAMBHAVAABHIVRDHI
SANGHA (R),
NO.143, 1ST MAIN ROAD (BAPUJI VIDYANILAYA),
HANUMANTHAPURA, GOPALPURA,
MAGADI MAIN ROAD,
BANGALORE-560023
(R3 AND R4 REGISTERED
UNDER COMPANIES ACT).

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SMT. NAVYA SHEKHAR, AGA FOR R-1 AND R-2;
NOTICE TO R-3 AND R-4 ARE SERVED AND UNREPRESENTED)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO QUASHING THE IMPUGNED ORDER DATED 29.12.2025 BEARING NO.ADLITHAADKARIGALU/KA.RAA.AA.JA.SUM/01/2020-21 PASSED BY THE 4TH RESPONDENT VIDE ANNEXURE-K IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE AND EQUITY AND ETC.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR HEARING – INTERLOCUTORY APPLICATION, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

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CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE K.S. HEMALEKHA

ORAL ORDER

1. The petitioners have approached this Court impugning the order dated 29.12.2025 passed by the Returning Officer, Karnataka State Adi Jambhavabhivruddi Sangha [**respondent No.4**], whereby respondent No.4 rejected the claim of the petitioners to participate and vote in the ensuing election, which was scheduled to be held on 18.01.2026. The petitioners have also sought a direction to respondent No.2 to consider the representation dated 26.12.2025 submitted by petitioner No.3, wherein allegations have been made regarding illegal acts on the part of the Administrator and sought appointment of a new Administrator.

2. Sri Adi Jambhavabhivruddi Sangha was registered under the erstwhile Mysore Societies Regulation with the object of promoting the social and economic upliftment of Adi Jambhava community. After coming into force of the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960 [**the Act**], the Adi Jambhavabhivruddi Sangha was re-registered under the provisions of the Act with Registration

No.703/92-93 and was renamed as the Karnataka State Adi Jambhavabhivruddi Sangha [**the Sangha**].

3. As the affairs of the Sangha were being mismanaged, a complaint was lodged before the Registrar seeking an enquiry. Pursuant to the complaint, an Enquiry Officer was appointed and report of the Enquiry Officer was placed before the District Registrar. Upon perusal of the enquiry report, the District Registrar recommended the appointment of an Administrator and addressed a letter to the State Government. Based on the enquiry report and the recommendation of the District Registrar, the State Government passed an order appointing an Administrator. Pursuant to such appointment, the management of the Sangha was taken over by the Administrator, who has been looking after its affairs.

4. The election of the Sangha was to be conducted under the supervision of the Administrator, and the members of the Sangha were directed to submit the requisite documents. The calendar of events was issued fixing 10.01.2026 as the last date for filing nominations and 18.01.2026 as the date of election.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that, aggrieved by the alleged mala fide actions of the Administrator, petitioner No.3 submitted a representation to the Deputy Registrar, bringing to his notice the alleged illegalities committed by the Administrator. It is his grievance that the said representation was not considered and, consequently, the Administrator rejected the claim of the petitioners to participate and vote in the election scheduled to be held on 18.01.2026.

6. Learned Additional Government Advocate appearing for respondent Nos.1 and 2 submits that the writ petition has been rendered infructuous, as the election scheduled to be held on 18.01.2026 has already been concluded and a new committee has been constituted, which is presently managing the affairs of the Sangha. The grievance of the petitioners regarding their refusal to participate and vote in the election scheduled on 18.01.2026 is concerned, the election having already been concluded and a new committee having been constituted, the said grievance no longer survive for consideration.

7. The representation dated 26.12.2025 submitted by petitioner No.3 was prior to the impugned order dated 29.12.2025 and therefore, no orders are warranted.

8. For the foregoing reasons, the writ petition is ***dismissed***.

Sd/-

JUSTICE K.S. HEMALEKHA

AT
List No.: 1 Sl No.: 6