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WP No. 26631 of 2026

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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU**

**DATED THIS THE 29TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026**

**BEFORE**

**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S SUNIL DUTT YADAV**

**WRIT PETITION NO. 26631 OF 2026 (EDN-RES)**

**BETWEEN:**

ANANTHA PADMANABHA PAI,
S/O ANANDARAYA PAI,
AGED ABOUT 24 YEARS,
R/AT ANANTHAMRITHA,
OPP. TO DSM HOSPITAL, MAIN ROAD,
AJAR, KATEEL, MANGALORE,
DAKSHINA KANNADA DISTRICT -574 148.

…PETITIONER

(BY SRI. SHREEVARA B. J., ADVOCATE)

**AND:**

1. KARNATAKA STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY,
REPRESENTED BY ITS REGISTRAR,
MUKTHAGANGOTRI, MYSURU - 570 006.

2. THE REGISTRAR,
KARNATAKA STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY,
MUKTHAGANGOTRI, MYSURU - 570 006.

3. THE VICE-CHANCELLOR,
KARNATAKA STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY,
MUKTHAGANGOTRI, MYSURU - 570 006.

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. T. P. RAJENDRA KUMAR SUNGAY, ADVOCATE)

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THIS WP IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO ISSUE A WRIT OF MANDAMUS SEEKING DIRECTION TO RESPONDENT NOS.2 AND 3 TO CONSIDER THE REPRESENTATION SUBMITTED BY THE PETITIONER SEEKING PERMISSION TO REMIT THE II YEAR RENEWAL ADMISSION FEE FOR M.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE BEYOND THE PRESCRIBED LAST DATE AND GRANT RENEWAL ADMISSION TO THE PETITIONER FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26 (JANUARY CYCLE) DATED 30.07.2026 FILED AT ANNEXURE-A, AND ISSUE SUCH OTHER WRIT, ORDER OR DIRECTION ON THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE AS THIS HON'BLE COURT DEEMS FIT, IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE AND EQUITY.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S SUNIL DUTT YADAV

**ORAL ORDER**

The present petition has been filed by a student undergoing a course conducted under the Karnataka State Open University, wherein the petitioner has sought for issuance of a direction to respondents No.2 and 3 to consider the representation submitted by the petitioner. The representation of the petitioner is enclosed at Annexure-A and by virtue of such representation, the petitioner seeks permission to remit the admission fee for the II year i.e., 3rd Semester beyond the prescribed last

date and has sought for admission for the Academic Year 2025-26.

2. The representation makes out a case of the petitioner having suffered certain health ailments and the expenditure incurred towards treatment has placed the petitioner in a precarious financial condition, as a result of which the petitioner was unable to pay the prescribed fee within time.

3. The petitioner submitted that the non-grant of permission for admission would result in waste of precious academic time and accordingly, has sought direction to the authorities to consider the representation appropriately.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the University submits that the representation has been considered and rejected in terms of Annexure-R1 dated 28.08.2026. It is submitted that the examination for 3rd Semester is already under way.

5. While noticing that the last date for payment of the admission fee was 11.05.2026, the petitioner's representation was made at Annexure-A subsequently on 30.07.2026 and noticing that examinations are already underway, it would not be appropriate to pass any positive direction.

6. However, in light of the submission of the petitioner of genuine hardship resulting in not paying the fee within the last date, we leave it open to the Registrar, Karnataka State Open University to consider as is permissible in the regulations regarding accommodation of the interest of the petitioner appropriately. If any relief is granted in the peculiar facts of the case, the same is not to be treated as a precedent in other cases.

Accordingly, the petition is ***disposed of***.

**Sd/-**
**(S SUNIL DUTT YADAV)**
**JUDGE**

MCR