IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

MONDAY, THE FIFTH DAY OF OCTOBER
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE N.V.SHRAVAN KUMAR

WRIT PETITION NO: 26749 OF 2026

Between:

Rafid C., S/o. Mohammed C Aged about 29 years, Occ. Assistant Professor (English), R/o. KR Residency, Second Floor, Room 202, Sri Sai Nagar, Vasanth Nagar Colony, Nizampet, Hyderabad, Hyderabad, Telangana, PIN. 500090 permanently residing at Chenadan House, Cheravannur, Parammalangadi, Valavannur P.O., Malappuram District, Kerala - 676551.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. The State of Telangana, Represented by, Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. DRK Institute of Science and Technology, Represented by, its Principal Bowrampet (V), Quthbullapur (M), Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Hyderabad - 500043, Telangana.
3. Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Hyderabad(JNTUH), Represented by, its Registrar, Kukatpally, Hyderabad - 500085, Telangana.

...RESPONDENTS

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 an appropriate Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ.

(a) Directing Respondent No.2 to forthwith release and return to the petitioner his original Higher Secondary (Intermediate) Certificate, Degree (Under Graduate) Certificate and Post Graduate Certificate, which stand illegally and arbitrarily withheld by

Respondent No.2 despite the acceptance of the petitioner's resignation, as being illegal, arbitrary, and violative of the fundamental rights.

(b) Directing Respondent No.3 to supervise and ensure strict compliance by Respondent No.1 with its letter Lr.No. JNTUH/DAAC/DRKIST/N7/Complaint/2025 dated. 03.11.2025, and to submit a status/action-taken report before this Hon'ble Court and to the petitioner, within such time as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit.

Counsel for the Petitioner: Ms. QURESHI FARHA
Counsel for the Respondent No.1: AGP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
Counsel for the Respondent No.3: SRI PERI PRABHAKAR, SC FOR JNTUH
Counsel for the Respondent No.2: --

The Court made the following: ORDER

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THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE N.V. SHRAVAN KUMAR

W.P. No.26749 of 2026

(C.N.R.No.HBHC010547602026)

Date:05.10.2026

Between:

Rafid C

... Petitioner

And

The State of Telangana, represented by its Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad and two others.

... Respondents

ORDER:

This writ petition has been filed seeking:

"...to issue an appropriate Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ:

(a) Direction Respondent No.2 to forthwith release and return to the petitioner his original Higher Secondary (Intermediate) Certificate, Degree (Under Graduate) Certificate and Post Graduate Certificate, which stand illegally and arbitrarily withheld by Respondent No.2 despite the acceptance of the petitioner's resignation, as being illegal, arbitrary, and violative of the fundamental rights.

(b) Directing Respondent No.3 to supervise and ensure strict compliance by Respondent No.1 with its letter Lr.No.JNTUH/DAAC/DRKIST/N7/Complaint/2025 dated 03.11.2025, and to submit a status/action-taken report before this Hon'ble Court and to the petitioner, within such time as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit;..."

2. The brief facts of the case are that petitioner is an Assistant Professor in English. The respondent No.2 by order dated 11.03.2025 appointed the petitioner into their institute and one of the pre-condition of employment is that petitioner has to deposit his original Higher Secondary (Intermediate) Certificate, Degree (Under Graduate) Certificate and Post Graduate Certificate with the college. It is submitted that the respondent No.2 was not paying salaries in time and petitioner had resigned from the respondent No.2 institution in the month of June, 2025, which was also accepted. It is further submitted that the petitioner has worked with the said college till August first week of 2025. It is further submitted that despite repeated requests, made by the petitioner including a personal visit on 06.10.2025, respondent No.2 did not release his certificates and did not pay salary for the month of April and July in 2025. The petitioner approached Dundigal Police Station, Cyberabad on 22.10.2025 and made a complaint, but no F.I.R was registered. It is further submitted that petitioner made complaint to the respondent No.3 University on 24.10.2025, and respondent No.3 University by letter dated 03.11.2025 directed respondent No.2 to act accordingly and submit a report within one week. Despite specific direction, more than nine months have elapsed, no report was filed and the respondent No.2 did not release the certificates of the petitioner. Questioning the same, the present writ petition is filed.

3. Today when the matter is taken up for hearing, learned counsel for the petitioner has placed the copy of e-mail dated 05.10.2026 sent by Principal, Ansar Arabic College whereby intimation was given for attending the selection of Assistant Professor of English on 28.10.2026. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that since the original certificates of the petitioner are with held by the respondent No.2, petitioner would not be in a position to attend the interview thereby the petitioner would loose employment opportunity and sought to pass appropriate orders.

4. Learned Assistant Government Pleader appearing for respondent No.1 submits that respondent No.3 vide letter dated 29.03.2019 had addressed to respondent No.2 institute to comply the guidelines of the AICTE.

5. Though notice was served on respondent No.2, there is no representation on behalf of respondent No.2 either physically or virtial mode.

6. Heard and perused the record.

7. Having regard to the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side and considering the directions issued by respondent No.3 to respondent No.2 to follow the guidelines, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the respondent No.2 to immediately/forthwith return the petitioner's original Higher Secondary (Intermediate)

Certificate, Degree (Under Graduate) Certificate and Post Graduate Certificate, pending with respondent No.2.

8. With these observations, this writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

SD/- M.OSMAN ALI BAIG
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To

1. The Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad, State of Telangana.
2. The Principal, DRK Institute of Science and Technology, Bowrampet (V), Quthbullapur (M), Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Hyderabad - 500043, Telangana.
3. The Registrar, Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Hyderabad(JNTUH), Kukatpally, Hyderabad - 500085, Telangana.
4. One CC to Ms. QURESHI FARHA, Advocate [OPUC]
5. One CC to SRI PERI PRABHAKAR, SC FOR JNTUH [OPUC]
6. Two CCs to GP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, High Court for the State of Telangana, at Hyderabad. [OUT]
7. Two CD Copies

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CC TODAY

HIGH COURT

DATED: 05/10/2026



ORDER
WP.No.26749 of 2026

DISPOSING OF THE WRIT PETITION

WITHOUT COSTS.

(11) SR
06/10/26