



IN THE COURT OF ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND J.M.F.C.,
TIPTUR.

DATED THIS THE 03rd DAY OF JUNE, 2026.

PRESENT: SMT. MADHUSHREE G. S.,
B.COM., LLB., L.L.M.,
ADDL. CIVIL JUDGE & JMFC., TIPTUR.

O.S. NO.594/2025

PLAINTIFF

: **Prakruthi H.P**
D/o H.C.Prasannakumar
Represented by her father by name
H.C.Prasannakumar
D/o Chandraiah
R/at Harisamudra Village
Honnavalli Hobli
Tiptur Taluk

(By. Sri.K.S.S., Adv)

VS

DEFENDANTS

- : **1. Chief Secretary**
Vidhana Soudha,
Government of Karnataka
Bengaluru.
- 2. The Block Education Officer**
Tiptur Town
B.H.Road
Tiptur Taluk.
- 3. The Head Master**
Government Primary School
Harisamudra Village



Honnavalli Hobli
Tiptur Taluk

4. **Deputy Director of Public Instruction**
Tumakuru Town
Tumakuru.
5. **The Block Education Officer**
Rajajinagara, 2nd stage
Diet building,
Opposite K.E.B Samudaya Bhavan
P & T Road, Rajajinagara
Bengaluru
6. **The Head Master**
Malgudi Vidyanikethan Education
Trust No.340, 381
6th Main road, 7th Block
2nd Stage, Bengaluru

(EX-PARTE)

DATE OF INSTITUTION OF THE SUIT	10.09.2025		
NATURE OF SUIT	DECLARATION		
DATE OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF EVIDENCE	08.04.2026		
DATE OF JUDGMENT	03.06.2026		
TOTAL DURATION	YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS
	00	08	23

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(MADHUSHREE G.S.)
ADDL CIVIL JUDGE & JMFC.,
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-: J U D G M E N T :-

The plaintiff has filed the present suit against the defendants seeking a **declaration to correct the name of his daughter from “Prakriti H.P./Prakruthi H.P.” to “Komala H.P.”** and for consequential directions to update the birth certificate, school records, marks cards, and other official documents maintained by the defendants, along with any other reliefs deemed necessary.

- 2. The brief fact of plaintiff’s case is as follows :** His daughter Prakriti.H.P is a resident of the same Tiptur Taluk, Honnavalli Hobli. Harisamudra village, Government Lower Primary School, enrolled for the 1st class in the school Reg.No.1/2021-22. At the time of this registration, the name of his daughter is registered with the above Prakriti.H.P till the 1st class. His daughter by name Prakriti.H.P is now enrolled in Malgudi Educational Institution, Bangalore, No.340, 381, 6th Main Road, 7th Block, 2nd Phase, Bangalore-560072. At the time of admission, the school registration number was recorded as 620/2022-23. In this registration, it is also recorded as Prakriti H.P D/o Prasannakumar.H.C. His daughter Prakriti H.P. had taken her name as her love name and was named Komal.H.P at birth. She took the said love name Prakriti.H.P. as her nickname and while enrolling in the 1st class in the above 3rd defendant school, she has registered as her love name and nickname Prakriti H.P.



The name Prakriti H.P., as recorded in her birth chart, is not correct according to her horoscope. He belongs to a very traditional Hindu family and has cultivated traditions such as custom, horoscope, gotra, etc. The parents of the child have come to the mind of the child and have come to the mind that the name of his daughter is not correct according to the horoscope, and therefore they have come to the mind of him and have suffered mental anguish. He came to know that this name is not correct according to the horoscope, he has been worried about her daughter's future, that she will not have a good future, that she may become disabled, that she may face some problems, that she may not be able to develop an academic attitude and may not score well in studies and examinations, and due to this, he is mentally depressed and is worried about the future of the his daughter.

His daughter should continue with her birth name Komala H.P., she submitted an oral request to the headmaster, wishing to change her name in the school records, on the advice of the elders at home and to change her daughter's name to Komala H.P., which is suitable for her horoscope and gotra. Then, the school headmaster verbally advised him that without obtaining the order and decree of the school court regarding the her



daughter, his daughter's name cannot be changed in their school records.

It is necessary that he should not be troubled by the fact that his daughter's name is Prakriti.H.P in the future and that her education should not be hampered due to this issue, and with the sole view that the same should not be the cause of any trouble, the incident of filing the suit in this court to obtain an order to enter and correct the name Komala.H.P., which is the birth name according to the horoscope and gotra, in the school records. The incident of issuing this notice after the date: 20-06-2025 has arisen on the advice of the concerned school principal that they are not allowed to make the correction without the court's order and consent. Hence, this suit.

3. Upon institution of the suit, the summons were issued to the defendants. The summons were served on the defendants. In spite of issuance of suit summons, the defendants have not appeared and contested the suit on merits. Hence, the defendants were placed *ex-parte*. And thus, case was posted for plaintiff's evidence.
4. In order to establish the case, the next friend of the plaintiff got himself examined as PW1 and got marked 6 documents as Ex.P-1 to Ex.P19 i.e., Ex.P1 is the certified copy of G-Tree, Ex.P2 to



Ex.P6 are the 5 postal receipts, Ex.P7 to Ex.P10 are the 4 postal acknowledgement, Ex.P11 is the legal notice, Ex.P12 is the notarized G-Tree, Ex.P13 is the plaintiff's daughter birth certificate, Ex.P14 is the plaintiff's daughter's study certificate, Ex.P15 is the plaintiff's mother ration card, Ex.P16 is the copy of plaintiff's daughter aadhar card, Ex.P17 is the plaintiff's aadhar card, Ex.P18 is the plaintiff's wife aadhar card and Ex.P19 is the plaintiff's daughter horoscope and closed side.

5. Having heard and perused, the following points would arise for my consideration ;

POINTS

1. Whether the plaintiff proves that his daughter's name is liable to be corrected from "Prakruthi H.P / Prakriti H.P." to "Komala H.P." in all records?
 2. Whether the plaintiff is entitled to the relief as sought for, in the plaint?
 3. What order or decree?
6. Heard arguments of learned counsel for plaintiff and perused materials available on record.
7. This court answers the above points as follows:-

Point No. 1 : In the Affirmative



Point No. 2 : In the Affirmative

Point No. 3 : As per the final orders,
for the following ;

REASONS

8. **POINT NO.1** To substantiate the claim, the plaintiff, through his next friend, has examined himself as PW1 and reiterated the plaint averments. PW1 has stated that the child's original and intended name is "Komala H.P." and that "Prakruthi H.P." was used in school records as a name adopted for convenience during admission.
9. The plaintiff has produced several documents which include Ex.P13 – Birth Certificate, which reflects the name "Prakruthi H.P."; Ex.P14 – Study Certificate, reflecting the name "Prakruthi H.P." in school records; Ex.P15 to Ex.P18 – Aadhaar and other identity documents, all showing the name as "Prakruthi H.P."; Ex.P19 – Horoscope, wherein the name "Komala H.P." is mentioned; and Affidavit of the plaintiff, wherein it is specifically sworn that the correct name of the child is "Komala H.P."
10. It is well settled that official contemporaneous records such as birth certificates and school records carry strong evidentiary value regarding identity and name. In the present case, all such official



documents uniformly reflect the name as “Prakruthi H.P.” However, the plaintiff has supported his claim of correction through sworn affidavit and horoscope evidence, asserting that “Komala H.P.” is the true and intended name.

11. In ex-parte proceedings, where the defendants have chosen not to contest the suit despite due service of summons, the evidence of the plaintiff remains unchallenged. The affidavit, being a sworn statement on oath, assumes significance in such uncontested proceedings and can be accepted as sufficient proof unless rebutted.
12. Considering the overall circumstances, particularly the unchallenged sworn testimony of PW1 along with the affidavit and Ex.P19, the Court is satisfied that the plaintiff has made out a case for declaration and consequential correction of name. Accordingly, this court passes the point No.1 in Affirmative.
13. **Point No.2** : The relief sought is declaratory in nature, coupled with consequential directions to update school, municipal, and identity records.
14. It is established that the minor child’s name was recorded in school as “Prakruthi H.P.”; The parents wish to change it to “Komala H.P.” based on horoscope advice; No contesting evidence has been filed by the defendants; The change is for



personal, cultural, and religious reasons and does not cause harm or legal prejudice to any party.

15. Courts have held that parents can rename their minor children for cultural or religious reasons, and a decree can be granted even if the current official records are different. The affidavit by the plaintiff demonstrates the bona fide intention for the change. The plaintiff is thus entitled to the relief sought in the plaint. Accordingly, this court answers the point No.2 in Affirmative.
16. **POINT NO.3** : In view of the findings recorded on issue No.1 and 2, this Court proceeds to pass the following :

ORDER

The suit of the plaintiff is hereby decreed with cost.

It is **declared** that the name of the minor daughter of the plaintiff is “**Komala H.P.**”.

The defendants are hereby directed to effect necessary correction/change of the **name** of the minor child from “**Prakruthi H.P.**” to “**Komala H.P.**” in all relevant records including birth records, school admission register, study certificates, marks



cards, and any other official records maintained by them.

Draw decree accordingly.

(Dictated to the stenographer, who computerized the same and then, corrected by me, print out taken by him, signed and then pronounced by me in the Open Court on 3rd day of June, 2026.)

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(MADHUSHREE G S)
Addl. Civil Judge & JMFC,
Tiptur.

ANNEXURE

LIST OF WITNESSES EXAMINED FOR THE PLAINTIFF/S:

PW.1 : H.C.Prasannakumar

LIST OF DOCUMENTS MARKED FOR THE PLAINTIFF/S:

Ex.P1 : Certified copy of G-Tree
Ex.P2 to Ex.P6 : 5 postal receipts
Ex.P7 to Ex.P10 : 4 postal acknowledgement
Ex.P11 : Legal notice
Ex.P12 : Notarized G-Tree
Ex.P13 : Plaintiff's daughter birth certificate
Ex.P14 : Plaintiff's daughter's study certificate



Ex.P15	:	Plaintiff's mother ration card
Ex.P16	:	Copy of plaintiff's daughter aadhar card
Ex.P17	:	Plaintiff's aadhar card
Ex.P18	:	Plaintiff's wife aadhar card
Ex.P19	:	Plaintiff's daughter horoscope

**LIST OF WITNESSES EXAMINED AND DOCUMENTS
MARKED FOR THE DEFENDANT/S: - NIL -**

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(MADHUSHREE G. S)
Addl. Civil Judge and JMFC.,
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