

**IN THE SPECIAL COURT FOR THE TRIAL OF NIA CASES, ERNAKULAM**

**Present: Sri. Anil.K. Bhaskar, Judge for NIA Cases**

Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2023/ 10<sup>th</sup> Phalguna, 1944

**CrI.M.P No.124/2023 in SC.02/2021/NIA/KOC**

**Petitioner/Accused No. 7** : Savithri @ Rajitha @ Usha (A7), age 33 years,  
D/o. Lokappa Gowda @ Loke Gowda, Jari Mane  
House, Mavinakere Village, Kalasa Hobli,  
Modigere Taluk, Chikamagaluru District,  
Karnataka.

**By Adv. Sri. Thushar Nirmal Sarathy**

**Respondent/Complainant** : Union of India represented by National  
Investigation Agency, Kochi.

**By Sri. Arjun Ambalappatta  
Public Prosecutor, NIA**

This Criminal M.P coming on for hearing before me on 01.03.2023 and the Court on the same day passed the following:-

**ORDER**

1. The accused Savithri, a remand prisoner (FRP No.101/21), moved this application through Jail Superintendent, Vanitha Jail, Viyyur seeking permission of this court to join online certificate course in Food and Nutrition (6 months course) conducted by IGNOU, for the academic year 2023-2024.

2. Prosecution doesn't oppose the application. The jail official who was present when the accused was produced on VC, submitted that a Study centre of IGNOU is functioning in Vanitha Jail, Viyyur and that the Certificate Programme – Food and Nutrition is one of the online courses offered by IGNOU, for which no basic qualification is fixed and anyone can join the course.

3. Access to knowledge is a fundamental right and education through structured courses are one of the ways and means to gain knowledge, which

ultimately refines a person to be a better human being. Since a study centre of IGNOU is available in the Vanitha Jail, I find it proper to allow this petition and issue necessary orders to facilitate the petitioner to pursue her studies by joining the course opted by her.

**In the result,** petition allowed as follows:-

1. Smt.Savithri @ Rajitha the seventh accused in SC.02/21 pending before this court, who is presently in judicial custody detained in Vanitha Jail, Viyyur is hereby accorded permission to join the course "Certificate Programme – Food and Nutrition offered by Indira Gandhi Open University (IGNOU) for the academic year 2023-24.
2. The Jail Superintendent, Vanitha Jail, Viyyur shall make all necessary arrangements to facilitate the petitioner for attending contact classes and to appear for exams.
3. Forward a copy of the order to the Jail Superintendent, Vanitha Jail, Viyyur by email for compliance and further action. The Jail Superintendent shall serve a copy of this order to the petitioner.

Dictated to the Confidential Asst., typewritten by her directly to computer system, corrected and pronounced by me in open court on this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2023.

Sd/-  
Anil.K.Bhaskar  
Judge, Spl. Court for NIA Cases

**Appendix: Nil**

Id/-  
Judge, Spl. Court for NIA Cases  
(By Order)

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