

<u>Cri.B.A.no.58/2026</u> MHKO010002152026 	<u>Cri.B.A.no.66/2026</u> MHKO010002662026 
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Common order below Exh.1 in Cri.Bail Application Nos.
58/2026 and 66/2026

Applicants Indrajeet Pravin Pustake and Anil Ashok Hanchnale have filed instant applications for regular bail. They are arrested in Crime no.361/2025 registered against them and others at police station, Murgud, Dist. Kolhapur on 23-11-2025 under sections 6 & 8 of Maharashtra Prevention of Malpractices at University, Board and other Specified Examinations Act, 1982 (the Act), 3, 4, 5, 6 & 11 of the Maharashtra Competitive Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024 (the Competitive Act) and 318(4) and 62 read with 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (corresponding to sections 420 and 511 read with 34 of the I.P.C.).

02. The applicants are seeking relief of regular bail on the grounds mentioned in the applications. The applications are opposed by the prosecution by submitting say.

03. Heard Ld. Advocates for the applicants. He submitted that similarly situated accused are released on bail.

He further submitted that accused no.8 has also been released on bail by J. M. F. C. Kagal, Dist-Kolhapur. He prayed for bail on the principle of parity.

04. Ld. APP Shri. Mahadeshwar submitted that the applicants have played prominent role in commission of the crime. They may not be released on bail.

05. By way of an order dated 07/01/2026, this Court has released similarly situated accused on bail with conditions. The applicants in the application are at par with them. They are entitled to get bail on same terms and conditions by applying principle of parity. In the result, In the result, following order is passed -

ORDER

- 1 Applications are allowed.
- 2 Applicants be released on bail on their furnishing a personal bond in sum of Rs.50,000/- each (Rs. Fifty Thousand only) with solvent surety in the like amount.
- 3 They shall not tamper with the evidence and threat the witnesses, directly or indirectly.
- 4 They shall appear before the in-charge of police station, between 4 & 5 p.m. on every Sunday till filing of the chargesheet against them and thereafter, as and when called for.

- 5 Applicants/accused to comply as per Chapter-I Para 12 of the Criminal Manual.
- 6 Bail before the learned Magistrate.

(D.V.Kashyap)

Date: 03/02/2026

Additional Sessions Judge, Kolhapur.