

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI  
(SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

MONDAY, THE TWENTY EIGHTH DAY OF APRIL  
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE

:PRESENT:

HONOURABLE SRI DHIRAJ SINGH THAKUR, THE CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI

WRIT PETITION Nos: 5753 & 5757 of 2025



Writ Petition No.5753 of 2025:

Between:

Rayalaseema Law College, Rep by its Correspondent Sri. Yarrapu Reddy  
Anand Chinthagunta Village, Sanambatla, Chandragiri Mandal Tirupathi  
District, Andhra Pradesh

...Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep by its Principal Secretary to Government Department of Higher Education, Tulluru, Secretariat Buildings Velagapudi, Guntur District.
2. The Andhra Pradesh State Council for Higher Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh Rep by its Secretary Neeladri Towers, 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion Road Mangalagiri, Andhra Pradesh 522503
3. Bar Council of India, Rep by its Member Secretary 21, Rouse Avenue Institutional Area, Near Bai Bhawan, New Delhi - 110 002
4. Sri Venkateswara University, Rep by its Registrar Prakasam Road, Sri Padmavati Mahila Viswavidyalayam, Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh 517502

5. Sri Venkateswara University, Rep by its Vice Chancellor-cum-Chairman, Executive Committee Prakasam Road, Sri Padmavati Mahila Viswavidyalayam, Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh 517502

...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 more in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action on the part of Respondents more particularly, the 4<sup>th</sup> Respondent University in withholding the affiliation to the Petitioner-Institution and further in not releasing the login credentials by the 4<sup>th</sup> Respondent thereby preventing the Petitioner from uploading the data to the tune of intake capacity of the students in Jnanabhoomi web portal, oblivious of the fact that the Petitioner-Institution has obtained all the permissions from the statutory authorities including the Respondent Nos. 2, 3 and 4 as being arbitrary, illegal, unwarranted and violative of Articles 14 and 19 of the Constitution of India and violative of the Andhra Pradesh Universities Act and in contravention of the Legal Education Rules, 2008 and consequently direct the Respondents 4 and 5 to grant affiliation to the Petitioner-Institution.

**IA NO: 1 OF 2025**

Petition under Section 151 of CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the Respondents 4 and 5 to provide login credentials to the Petitioner- Institution enabling it to upload the student data on 'Jnanabhoomi web portal, Pending disposal of WP 5753 of 2025, on the file of the High Court.

**WRIT PETITION NO: 5757 OF 2025:****Between:**

KMR Law College, Rep by its Correspondent Sri. K T Prasad Nagari Road,  
Near Parameswaramangalam Puttur, Tirupathi District, Andhra Pradesh

...Petitioner

**AND**

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep by its Principal Secretary to Government Department of Higher Education, Tulluru, Secretariat Buildings Velagapudi, Guntur District
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...Respondents

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the Petitioner-Institution has obtained all the permissions from the statutory authorities including the Respondent Nos. 2, 3 and 4 as being arbitrary, illegal, unwarranted and violative of Articles 14 and 19 of the Constitution of India and violative of the Andhra Pradesh Universities Act and in contravention of the Legal 18 Education Rules, 2008 and consequently Respondents 4 AND 5 to grant affiliation to the Petitioner-Institution.

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Petition under Section 151 of CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the Respondents 4 and 5 to provide login credentials to the Petitioner- Institution enabling it to upload the student data on 'Jnanabhoomi web portal', Pending disposal of WP 5757 of 2025, on the file of the High Court.

The Petitions coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petitions and the affidavits filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of SRI SRI VIJAY MATHUKUMILLI Advocate for the Petitioner, in both the petitions and of GP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, for the Respondent No.1, and of M/s S.PARINEETHA, Standing Counsel for the Respondent No.2, and of SRI G.VENKAT REDDY, Standing Counsel for the Respondent No.3, and of SRI BUTTA VIJAY BHASKAR, Standing Counsel for the Respondent Nos.4 & 5, the Court made the following

**ORDER:**

The present petitions have been filed challenging the action of the respondent University in withholding the login credentials which prevents the petitioner colleges from depositing the examination fee in

regard to the students who are undertaking their law courses from the said institutions.

The petitioners have placed on record material to show that they have obtained the requisite NOC dated 24.12.2022 (in WP.No.5757 of 2025) and dated 21.12.2022 (in WP.No.5753 of 2025) as also the temporary affiliations dated 30.12.2023 from the University for purposes of setting up the colleges as also the interim approval which was obtained from the Bar Council of India.

Permission is also stated to have been accorded by the Department of Higher Education.

It appears from the record that the Fee Monitoring Committee constituted by the Government also fixed the fee which was otherwise to be charged from the students who would undergo the courses in the said two colleges.

Admissions were made by the petitioner colleges and the list communicated to the State Council for Higher Education where-after admissions were made and the students are undergoing the courses in the petitioner law colleges.

It appears that with a view to enable the petitioners to deposit the examination fee with the University, under whose aegis the examinations are conducted, a request was made by the petitioners as early as on 29.08.2024 and 30.09.2024 with the University seeking their permission to give them the digital affiliation which in other words means to provide them with a code for enabling them to deposit examination fee which is stated to be approximately Rs.1,727/- per student.

In both colleges, it is stated that there are as many as 120 students who are required to be enabled to undertake the examination for which the examination fee was required to be deposited with the University.

The stand of the University appears to be that the petitioners had not approached the University within the time prescribed and that in the

meantime the portal which is maintained by the Andhra Pradesh Centre for Financial Systems and Services was closed in August, 2024 and hence, the examination fee cannot be permitted to be accepted at this belated stage.

It is not denied that the examinations are starting with effect from 29.04.2025.

By virtue of our interim directions, dated 02.04.2025, we had directed the respondent University to consider the case of the petitioners for permitting the students who are admitted in the colleges for appearance in the first semester examination subject to payment of the requisite examination fee.

Although counter-affidavits have not been filed to the main writ petitions, yet the stand of the University is reflected in the contempt petitions preferred by the petitioner colleges on the ground that the University had not taken an appropriate decision based upon the directions so issued on 02.04.2025.

In our opinion, no contempt is made out against the University inasmuch as the decision has been taken, yet, the issue with regard to the students who are undertaking courses and are entitled to appear in the examination still requires to be considered.

In our opinion, it would be in the interest of the students who have already undertaken the courses for one year to enable them to appear in the examination and the students in our opinion cannot be prevented from undertaking the examination only because the University claims that the A.P Centre for Financial Systems and Services closed its portal and that the petitioner colleges had approached the University late.

Learned counsel for the respondent University has failed to draw our attention to any statutory provision of the University statutes which would prevent the students from appearing in the examination only because the application seeking digital affiliation was filed late.

In any case, we are not satisfied with the plea advanced by the counsel for the University that there was any delay in approaching the University within time inasmuch as the petitioners have drawn our attention to communications, dated 29.08.2024 and 30.09.2024 by virtue of which digital affiliations were sought which were much prior to the actual conduct of examination by the University.

We, therefore, direct the University to permit the students undergoing the law courses from the colleges in question.

The examination fee on behalf of such students shall be collected by the University in physical mode on payment of demand draft.

The application forms of the students shall also be submitted in physical forms with the University who shall take all appropriate steps to ensure that the students do not suffer only on account of the alleged late deposit of the examination fee.

Learned counsel for the respondent University shall communicate this order to the University with a view to ensure compliance.

List on 25.06.2025 along with WP(PIL).No.129 of 2024.

SD/- K.SRINIVASA RAJU  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

SECTION OFFICER

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For

To,

1. The Principal Secretary to Government, Department of Higher Education, State of Andhra Pradesh, Tulluru, Secretariat Buildings Velagapudi, Guntur District. (by Special Messenger)
2. The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh State Council for Higher Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh Neeladri Towers, 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion Road Mangalagiri, Andhra Pradesh 522503
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**(Addressees 2 to 5 by RPAD)**
6. One CC to SRI SRI VIJAY MATHUKUMILLI, Advocate [OPUC]
7. Two CCs to GP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ,High Court of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
8. One CC to M/s S.PARINEETHA, Standing Counsel [OPUC]
9. One CC to SRI G.VENKAT REDDY, Standing Counsel [OPUC]
10. One CC to SRI BUTTA VIJAY BHASKAR, Standing Counsel [OPUC]
11. **Two spare copies**

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**HIGH COURT**

**HC,J  
&  
RC,J**

**DATED:28/04/2025**

**NOTE: List on 25.06.2025 along with WP(PIL).No.129 of 2024.**

**ORDER**

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**INTERIM DIRECTION**

