

(SHOW CAUSE NOTICE BEFORE ADMISSION)
IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI
(SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

TUESDAY, THE THIRD DAY OF MARCH
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE K SREENIVASA REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO: 6040 OF 2026



Between:

Arpita Singh, D/o. Sanjit Kumar, Student PGP-1, Roll No 2510014, Indian Institute of Management, Gambhiram Village, Anandapuram Mandal, Visakhapatnam - 531 163, Andhra Pradesh.

...Petitioner

AND

1. The Union of India, Rep by its Secretary, Ministry of Education 122-C, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001.
2. The Indian Institute of Management, Rep by its Director, Gambhiram Village, Anandapuram Mandal, Visakhapatnam - 531163, AP.
3. The Dean (Administration) and, Chair (Student Matters Facilitation Committee), Indian Institute of Management, Gambhiram Village, Anandapuram Mandal, Visakhapatnam - 531163, AP.
4. The Chair, Internal Committee, Indian Institute of Management, Gambhiram Village, Anandapuram Mandal, Visakhapatnam - 531163, Andhra Pradesh.

...Respondents

WHEREAS the Petitioner above named through her Advocate SRI DEVALARAJU ANIL KUMAR presented this 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 a Writ, Order or Direction more particularly one in the nature of WRIT OF MANDAMUS

declaring the action of the Respondent No.3 in initiating the proceedings under POSH Act 2013 without following due process of law, there by issuing the impugned Orders Dated 17/02/2026 vide Proceedings No.IIMV/ICC/Admn/2026/01, as illegal, arbitrary, violation of principles of natural justice and in violation of Articles 14, 21 and 300-A of the Constitution of India and to Set-a-side the same by Consequently directing the Respondents to permit the Petitioner to have access to University Hostel, attend the classes physically, all academic activities including placements and other activities equally on par with other students, in the interest of justice.

AND WHEREAS the High Court upon perusing the petition and affidavit filed herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri DEVALARAJU ANIL KUMAR Advocate for the Petitioner, and of ADDITIONAL SOLICITOR GENERAL OF INDIA, for the Respondent No.1, directed issue of notice to the Respondents herein to show cause as to why this WRIT PETITION should not be admitted.

You viz:

1. The Secretary, Union of India, Ministry of Education 122-C, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001.
2. The Director, Indian Institute of Management, Gambhiram Village, Anandapuram Mandal, Visakhapatnam - 531163, AP.
3. The Dean (Administration) and, Chair (Student Matters Facilitation Committee), Indian Institute of Management, Gambhiram Village, Anandapuram Mandal, Visakhapatnam - 531163, AP.
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are be and hereby directed to show cause either appearing in person or through an Advocate, as to why in the circumstances set out in the petition

and the affidavit filed therewith (copy enclosed) this WRIT PETITION should not be admitted, within three (3) weeks, to which date the case stands posted for hearing.

IA NO: 1 OF 2026

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 to permit the Petitioner to have access to University Hostel attend the classes physically, all academic activities including placements and other activities equally on par with other students; pending disposal of WP No. 6040 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

IA NO: 2 OF 2026

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 Suspend the impugned Orders Dated 17/02/2026 vide Proceedings No. IIMV/ICC/ Admn/2026/01 issued by the 3rd Respondent; pending disposal of WP No. 6040 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The Court made the following: ORDER

Notice before admission, returnable in three (3) weeks.

Heard learned counsel for petitioner and learned counsel appearing for respondents.

On perusal of the material on record, it goes to show that a complaint has been registered in the Internal Complaints Committee

(ICC) of the 2nd respondent institute against the petitioner/ Arpita Singh, Student PGP-1, Roll No.2510014, 2025-2027 batch.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is a student of PGP-1 in 2nd respondent institute and she has been suspended from the academic programme and barred from entering the Institute Campus for a period of two weeks from 20.02.2026 to 05.03.2026, and the suspension period has almost completed. He submits that apart from that the petitioner has been suspended from the hostel for a total period of six months, however, during the rest of period of suspension from the hostel (the duration excluding the suspension period from 20.2.2026 to 05.03.2026), the petitioner is permitted to attend and have access to all academic activities.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further orally submits that petitioner is originally a resident of Himachal Pradesh and because of her studies in came from the 2nd respondent institute, she came from Himachal Pradesh, and it is very difficult to the student to pursue her education by residing outside the hostel.

In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case, clause 'C' of the order dated 17.02.2026 insofar as suspending the petitioner from hostel, shall stand suspended for a period of six (06) weeks.

Post after three (3) weeks.

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SD/- M.SRINIVAS
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

SECTION OFFICER

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To,

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4. The Chair, Internal Committee, Indian Institute of Management, Gambhiram Village, Anandapuram Mandal, Visakhapatnam - 531163, Andhra Pradesh. **(Addressees 1 to 4 by RPAD- along with a copy of petition and affidavit)**
5. One CC to SRI. DEVALARAJU ANIL KUMAR Advocate [OPUC]
6. One CC to ADDITIONAL SOLICITOR GENERAL OF INDIA, High Court of Andhra Pradesh [OPUC]
7. **One spare copy**

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HIGH COURT

SRK,J

DATED:03/03/2026

NOTE: Post after three (3) weeks.

NOTICE BEFORE ADMISSION

WP.No.6040 of 2026

INTERIM SUSPENSION

