

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

MONDAY, THE TWENTY NINETH DAY OF JUNE

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:
THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA
WRIT PETITION NO: 10987 OF 2026

Between:

1. Private B.Ed. College Managements Association, Represented by its President Sri. Medarametia Rama Sesha Giri Rao D.No. 4-498, Podili Road, Darsi, Darsi Mandal, Prakasam District, Andhra Pradesh.
2. St. Mark NTR College of Education, Represented by its Correspondent, Sri Medarametia Rama Sesha Giri Rao, Narsaraopet, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh - 522 601.
3. Batchu Rambotlu College of Education, Represented by its Correspondent Sri. Batchu Sreenivasa Rao Baligattam, Narsipatnam, Visakhapatnam Amdhra Pradesh.
4. Sri Vijayabharathi College of Education, Represented by its Correspondent, Sri U. Chandrarao, Ongole Taluk and City, Prakasam District, Andhra Pradesh.
5. BG College of Education, Represented by its Correspondent Sri Boggavarapu Seshagiri Rao, Piduguralla Mandal, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh

Petitioners

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Represented by its Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati. 522238
2. The Commissioner of Higher Education, O/o Commissionerate of Higher Education Ground and Second Floors, Garudadri KK Towers, Sri

Lakshmi Narasimha Colony, Mangalagiri - 522503 Guntur Dt., Andhra Pradesh.

3. The Convenor, APEDCET-2026 Director IQAC & NAAC O/o Dravidian University Srinivasavanam, Kuppam - 517426.

Respondents

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased to issue an appropriate Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of the Respondents, more particularly the 2nd Respondent, in issuing proceedings vide Lr.No.01/O.P-V/FRS-ATT/2026 dated 09-04-2026, mandating compulsory implementation of the Facial Recognition System (FRS) with immediate effect and linking the same to grant of affiliation and participation in admissions counselling, without providing reasonable time for compliance, as illegal, arbitrary, unreasonable, and violative of Articles 14, 19(1)(g) and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently set aside the said proceedings and further declare the action of the Respondent in restricting the grant of affiliation to a year-to-year basis, in the absence of any statutory provision under the Andhra Pradesh Universities Act and in contravention of Section 16 of the NCTE Act, 1993, as arbitrary, ultra vires, and unsustainable in law and consequently direct the Respondents to grant affiliation to the Petitioner institutions strictly in accordance with the statutory framework governing recognition and affiliation, without restricting the same to a particular academic year, and to permit the Petitioner institutions to participate in the ongoing and ensuing admissions counselling processes, including APEDCET-2026;

IA NO: 2 OF 2026

Petition under Section 151 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 grant an interim direction directing the Respondents to grant a minimum period of one academic year for implementation of the Facial Recognition System (FRS) pursuant to proceedings dated 09-04-2026

and not to take any coercive steps, including denial of affiliation, admissions counselling, or portal access, against the Petitioner institutions for non-implementation during the said period, pending disposal of the Writ Petition and pass, Pending disposal of WP 10987 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

IA NO: 1 OF 2026

Petition under Section 151 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 pass an interim direction directing the Respondent University to grant affiliation to the Petitioner institutions strictly in accordance with the provisions of the NCTE Act, 1993 and the Andhra Pradesh Universities Act, without restricting the same to a particular academic year, and consequently permit the Petitioner institutions to participate in the ongoing and ensuing admissions counselling process, Pending disposal of WP 10987 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The petition, coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and the earlier order of the High Court dated 24.04.2026 made herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri SRI VIJAY MATHUKUMILLI Advocate for the Petitioners, GP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION for Respondent Nos.1 to 3 and the Court made the following.
ORDER

At the request of learned counsel for the petitioner, post on 13.07.2026.

Interim order granted earlier is extended by three (03) weeks.

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SD/- P.BRAHMA RAO
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. One CC to SRI. SRI VIJAY MATHUKUMILLI Advocate [OPUC]
2. Two CCs to GP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, High Court of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
3. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

KM,J

DATED:29/06/2026

POST ON 13.07.2026.

ORDER



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INTERIM ORDER EXTENDED