

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

THURSDAY, THE EIGHTEENTH DAY OF JUNE,
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE HARINATH.N

WRIT PETITION NO: 15876 OF 2026



Between:

Saritha Bisai, D/o Ramesh Bisai, Aged: 15 years, being Minor rep by his father Ramesh Bisai, S/o Late Duryodhana Bisai, Aged: 45 yrs, R/o 1-426, Telukula Veedhi, Kusumapuram Village, Kaviti Mandal, Srikakulam District, A.P.532292.

...Petitioner

AND

1. The State of A.P., Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Tribal Welfare Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Guntur – 522237.
2. The District Collector, Srikakulam 532001.
3. The Commissioner/Director, Tribal Welfare Department, Vijayawada.- 520001.
4. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Palasa, Srikakulam District 532221.
5. Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies, Nuzuvidu - 521201, Rep. by its Convener.

...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 a Writ Order or Orders or directions more particularly one in nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the respondents in not issuing the ST Caste Certificate Bentho Oriya to the petitioner despite making the application for issuance as per the Act and Rules Andhra Pradesh Schedule Castes Schedule Tribes and Backward Classes issuance of Community nativity and date of birth certificates Act and Rules 1997 as illegal

arbitrary unconstitutional contrary to the Provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Schedule Castes Schedule Tribes and Backward Classes issuance of Community nativity and date of birth certificates Act and Rules 1997 and consequently direct the respondents to issue the Benthoriya ST Caste Certificate to the petitioner as per the law and pass

IA NO: 1 OF 2026

Petition under Section 151 of CPC 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 2 to 4 to consider the case of the Petitioner and issue provisional admission as per Rule 19 of the Act 1993 and Rules, 1997 by considering the certificate which is issued in favour of the cousin of the Petitioner, pending disposal of WP 15876 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

IA NO: 2 OF 2026

Petition under Section 151 of CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the respondent No.5 to give admission to the Petitioner in the Integrated Engineering Course under ST Quota, pending disposal of WP 15876 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 upon hearing the arguments of Sri S.A.V.Ratnam, Advocate for the Petitioner and of GP FOR TRIBAL WELFARE for Respondent Nos. 1 and 3 and of GP for Revenue for Respondent Nos. 2 and 4 and of Sri M.Siva Kumar, Standing Counsel for Respondent No.5, the Court made the following

ORDER:

“The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submits that the petitioners belong to the Benthoriya (Oriya-ST) Community, which is recognized as a Scheduled Tribe and is enumerated at Serial No.17 in part-I of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Lists (Modification) Order, 1956.

It is submitted that, though the petitioners belong to the Scheduled Tribe community, the competent authority has, so far, not issued the Scheduled Tribe certificates to them. It is further submitted that a complaint was made by certain third parties alleging that some persons belonging to the Benthos (Oriya-ST) Community residing in Srikakulam District do not belong to the Benthos (Oriya-ST) Community and, that they belong to Vaddi Community. In that regard, three enquiries are pending, and the enquiry reports are yet to be submitted.

The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submits that similarly placed petitioners approached this Court and obtained interim orders. It is submitted that Rule 19 of the Andhra Pradesh Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes Regulation of Issue of Community Certificates Act, 1993, would have to be pressed into service, as the last date for counselling is ending in this week.

On these considerations, there shall be an interim direction to the Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge and Technologies, Nuzvid, which is conducting the counselling for admission, to grant provisional admission to the petitioners into the six-year Integrated B-Tech. Course, pending issuance of the community certificate by the 4th respondent.

For filing of counter, post this matter on 29.07.2026."

SD/- K. KASIRAO ACHARI
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

SECTION OFFICER

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To,

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3. The Commissioner/Director, Tribal Welfare Department, Vijayawada - 520001.

4. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Palasa, Srikakulam District 532221.
5. The Convener, Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies,
Nuzuvidu - 521201. (Addressee Nos. 1 to 5 by **SPEED POST**)
6. One CC to Sri S.A.V.Ratnam, Advocate [OPUC]
7. One CC to Sri M.Siva Kumar, Standing Counsel [OPUC]
8. Two CCs to GP FOR TRIBAL WELFARE, High Court of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
9. Two CCs to GP FOR REVENUE, High Court of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
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DATE:18/06/2026

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