



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI
(Special Original Jurisdiction)**

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THURSDAY, THE 10th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE HARINATH.N

WRIT PETITION NO: 24095/2026

Between:

1.NITCHARLA SOMASEKHARA RAO,, S/O N. APPARAO,AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS, OCC PRIVATE EMPLOYEE RIO.BABA NILAYAM, NEAR YELLAMMA TEMPLE, PALASA, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT-532221.

...PETITIONER

AND

1.THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT-522237

2.THE REGISTRAR, THE RAYALASEEMA UNIVERSITY, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, Q3F6 PLUS 362, NANDYALA ROAD, PASUPULA, KURNOOL DISTRICT-518007.

3.THE VICE CHANCELLOR, THE RAYALASEEMA UNIVERSITY, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, Q3F6 PLUS 362, NANDYALA ROAD, PASUPULA, KURNOOL DISTRICT-518007.

...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 Direction more particularly one in nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the 2nd and 3rd respondents in not permitting the petitioner to complete the Doctorate in Philosophy (Ph.D) Course purportedly on the grounds of non-payment of extension fee and Non completion of course in time as wholly illegal, arbitrary, unjust, contrary to Principles of Natural Justice besides being violative of Article 14 and 21 of Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondents to permit the petitioner to complete the Ph.D. Course by condoning the delay for payment of the extension fee and to conduct DCM-2 and further stages of the course by providing one time opportunity to complete his Course

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Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased DIRECT the 2nd and 3rd respondents to permit the petitioner to complete the Ph.D. Course by condoning the delay for payment of the extension fee and to conduct DCM-2 and further stages of the course by providing one time opportunity to complete his Course

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1.K.P.S. SAILESH REDDY

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1.GP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

2.NIMMAGADDA VIJAYA SANTHI

The Court made the following:

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ORDER:

1. Today, when the matter is taken up for hearing, the learned Standing Counsel appearing for respondent Nos.2 and 3 has placed on record the order of the Standing Committee, whereby it has been resolved to process the research work of Part-time and Extramural Research Scholars and complete the award of Ph.D. degrees by 31st December, 2026.
2. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the writ petition may be disposed of, directing the respondents to permit the petitioner to complete his Ph.D. by enabling him to comply with the requirement of payment of the extension fee.
3. Considering the submissions and recording the instructions submitted by the learned Standing Counsel appearing for respondent Nos.2 and 3, the writ petition is disposed of, directing the petitioner to comply with the requirements for submission of his thesis and payment of the requisite fee for completion of the course.
4. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed off. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel, miscellaneous petitions pending, if any, shall stand closed.

JUSTICE HARINATH.N

Dated 10.09.2026

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Whether the order is:

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Reportable		Non-reportable	☒

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