

**HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH : AT AMARAVATI**

**MAIN CASE No.: Cri.A.No.326 of 2017**

**PROCEEDING SHEET**

<b>SL. NO.</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>ORDER</b>	<b>OFFICE NOTE</b>
23	23.01.2026	<p><b><u>KSR,J &amp; GRKP, J</u></b></p> <p><i>(per Hon'ble Sri Justice G. Ramakrishna Prasad)</i></p> <p>In compliance with the Order of this Court dated 12.12.2025, the Principal Secretary, Home Department has filed an Affidavit dated 22.01.2026 and the Standard Operation Procedures/Training Modules for Forensic Experts, Forensic Doctors, Judicial Officers and Police Personnel who are dealing with the medico-legal cases. Since the Standard Operation Procedure/Training Module had been furnished only today, we intend to sift through these documents and express our opinion on the next date of hearing.</p> <p><b><u>Training Module for the Judicial Officers:</u></b></p> <p>2. Insofar as the Standard Operation Procedures/Training Modules pertaining to the Judicial Officers are concerned, we are of the considered opinion that the Andhra Pradesh State Judicial Academy should also be involved for vetting the Standard Operation Procedures/</p>	

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		<p>Training Modules filed by the Principal Secretary, Home Department and also to incorporate some precedents of the Hon'ble Supreme Court as well as the High Courts as part of the Training Module for the Judicial Officers.</p> <p>3. In the case of <b><i>Dayal Singh and Others Vs. State of Uttaranchal: (2012) 8 SCC 263</i></b>, the Hon'ble Supreme Court had the occasion to deal with the Investigation Officers as well as the Medical Experts, who are responsible for a shoddy investigation which has the tendency or propensity of endangering the credibility of the case of the prosecution and also which has the tendency of causing cracks/dents to the substratum of the evidence gathered in Criminal Cases. In cases where there is culpability, initiation of Criminal and departmental action and in the cases where the Officers (Police/medical experts) unwittingly or negligently weakens the bedrock of any Criminal Case, the Hon'ble Apex Court suggested for initiation departmental action.</p> <p>4. Keeping these aspects in mind, we are of the opinion that the Crime Investigators (Police Personnel) as well as the Medical Experts who conduct Post Mortem examination should also be</p>	

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		<p>apprised adequately as regards the consequences that can ensue out of a shoddy investigation either willfully done or otherwise.</p> <p>5. Therefore, we direct the Principal Secretary, Department of Home to incorporate the following cases into the Standard Operation Procedures/Training Modules meant for Police Personnel and Medical Experts/ Forensic Experts:</p> <p>(i) <b>Nagesh v. State of Karnataka:</b> (2012) 6 SCC 477</p> <p>(ii) <b>Dayal Singh and Others Vs. State of Uttaranchal:</b> (2012) 8 SCC 263)</p> <p>(iii) <b>Gajoo v. State of Uttarakhand:</b> (2012) 9 SCC 532</p> <p>(iv) <b>Sahabuddin v. State of Assam:</b> (2012) 13 SCC 213</p> <p>(v) <b>Karan Singh v. State of Haryana:</b> (2013) 12 SCC 529</p> <p>(vi) <b>Bharati Tamang v. Union of India:</b> (2013) 15 SCC 578</p> <p>(vii) <b>State of Gujarat v. Kishanbhai:</b> (2014) 5 SCC 108</p> <p>(viii) <b>Ankush Maruti Shinde v. State of Maharashtra:</b> (2019) 15 SCC 470</p> <p>(ix) <b>Revuri Penchalaiah V. State of Andhra Pradesh:</b> MANU/AP/1362/2023</p>	

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		<p>(x) <i>Kalawati Rawat V. State of Uttarakhand</i>: 2018 SCC OnLine Utt 1089</p> <p>6. The Registrar (Judicial) is directed to convey a copy of this Order to the Director, Andhra Pradesh State Judicial Academy, Mangalagiri to ensure the appearance of the Director on the next date of listing either in person or through the Counsel.</p> <p>7. The Registry is directed to convey the copies of the Orders of this Court and also the Standard Operation Procedures to the Director, Andhra Pradesh Judicial Academy.</p> <p>8. Ld. Public Prosecutor is directed to convey the copies of the Orders of this Court and also the Standard Operation Procedures which have been evolved for the purpose of Post Mortem Examination and also the Standard Operation Procedures/Training Modules which are prepared for training the Medical Experts/Forensic Experts, Judicial Officers and the Police Personnel.</p>	

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		<p>9. List on 13.02.2026.</p> <p><u>K.SURESH REDDY, J</u></p> <p><u>G.RAMAKRISHNA PRASAD, J</u></p> <p>MNR</p>	