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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ **CS(OS) 414/2025**

ANITA BABU

.....Plaintiff

Through: Mr. Sermon Rawat, Mr. Shivang Rawat, Ms. Aastha Vishwakarma, Advocate with Plaintiff.

versus

RAVI KANT & ORS.

.....Defendants

Through: None.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JYOTI SINGH

ORDER

07.07.2025

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1. Allowed, subject to all just exceptions.
2. Application stands disposed of.

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3. This application is filed on behalf of the Plaintiff under Section 151 CPC read with Rule 24 of Chapter XI of the Delhi High Court (Original Side) Rules, 2018 seeking leave to place on record videographic evidence through a compact disk.
4. Issue notice to the Defendants, through all permissible modes, returnable on 09.09.2025 before Court.

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5. Let plaint be registered as a suit.
6. Upon filing of process fee, issue summons to the Defendants, through all permissible modes, returnable on 17.09.2025 before the Joint Registrar.



7. Written statements shall be filed by the Defendants within 30 days from the receipt of summons along with affidavit of admission/denial of the documents filed by the Plaintiff.

8. It is open to the Plaintiff to file replications within 30 days from receipt of the written statements along with affidavit of admission/denial of documents filed by the Defendants.

9. It is made clear that any unjustified denial of documents may lead to an order of costs against the concerned party.

10. If any of the parties wish to seek inspection of any documents, the same be done in accordance with Delhi High Court (Original Side) Rules, 2018.

11. List before the learned Joint Registrar for completion of service and pleadings, marking of exhibits and admission/denial of documents on 17.09.2025.

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12. This application is preferred by the Plaintiff under Order XXXIX Rules 1 and 2 read with Section 151 CPC, 1908 seeking *ad interim ex parte* injunction against the Defendants to take down and remove the false and defamatory video published/posted on platform of Defendant No. 2 as accessible through the link (<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/18pJRNr87m/>).

13. Issue notice to the Defendants, through all permissible modes, returnable before Court on 09.09.2025.

14. Case of the Plaintiff is that she is a well-respected citizen known for her contributions to art and society. Plaintiff is stated to be a well-known classical dancer with four decades of dancing career including two decades



of teaching and choreographing the classical dance at her school. Plaintiff's work has been recognised and awarded many times and some of the awards are Bronze Chakra, 2015; REX Karamveer Jyoti Puraskar, 2023; and Women Leadership Achievement Award, 2016.

15. It is averred that apart from her professional career, Plaintiff is the President of the Managing Committee of the Anand Lok Group Housing Society since August, 2023. For the past few months, several complaints were being made by residents regarding cleanliness issues in the common areas of the society and in order to resolve this issue, Managing Committee convened a meeting on 07.04.2025 at 11:30 AM. At about 11:45 AM, Plaintiff noticed two missed calls from a phone number and on calling back on the said number, Defendant No. 1 spoke to her in an unruly manner with regard to the working of the safai karamcharis. After a while, without any reason, Defendant No. 1 threatened the Plaintiff and shouted at her stating that he would deal with her differently. It is further averred that later in the day, Plaintiff learnt from some people that a video was circulating on social media, particularly on the platform of Defendant No. 2, which was uploaded by Defendant No. 1 on his Facebook page, in which he can be seen making several defamatory statements against the Plaintiff alleging that the Plaintiff used casteist words against some safai karamcharis.

16. Learned counsel for the Plaintiff submits that the defamatory statements made by Defendant No. 1 in the video are tarnishing Plaintiff's reputation in the society and so far as many as over 10,000 people have viewed the said video. Several people have posted hateful comments on the video including use of abusive language against the Plaintiff, which is causing mental trauma to her. He submits that transcripts have been placed



on record and a bare reading would show the extent of defamatory remarks made by Defendant No. 1.

17. Having heard learned counsel for the Plaintiff, I am of the view that Plaintiff has made out a *prima facie* case for grant of *ex parte ad interim* injunction. Balance of convenience lies in favour of the Plaintiff and if *ex parte* interim injunction is not granted, irreparable harm and injury will be caused to the Plaintiff.

18. Accordingly, Defendant No. 1 is directed to take down and remove the video published/posted by him on the platform of Defendant No. 2 as accessible through the link (<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/18pJRNr87m/>) within a period of three days from today. Defendant No. 1 is restrained from disseminating, publishing, re-publishing, re-posting or sharing in any manner, the aforesaid video or any similar defamatory content against the Plaintiff, till the next date of hearing.

19. It is further directed that in case, Defendant No. 1 does not take down or remove the video, within three days from today, Defendant No. 2 shall take down the video published/posted on its platform.

20. Plaintiff shall comply with provisions of Order XXXIX Rule 3 CPC within a period of two days from today.

21. List before Court on 09.09.2025.

JYOTI SINGH, J

JULY 07, 2025/Shivam