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**THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT**  
**(HIGH COURT OF ASSAM, NAGALAND, MIZORAM AND ARUNACHAL PRADESH)**

**Case No. : WA/138/2023**

SUNITA KHARIKAP  
D/O. LATE SUNIL KHARIKAP, R/O. BARDALONG, P.O. KHARIKHANA, P.S.  
LANKA, DIST. HOJAI,

VERSUS

1.THE STATE OF ASSAM AND ORS.  
REP. BY THE COMMISSIONER AND SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF ASSAM,  
EDUCATION (HIGHER) DEPTT., DISPUR, GUWAHATI- 6.

2:THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY  
TO THE GOVT. OF ASSAM EDUCATION (HIGHER) DEPTT.  
DISPUR GHY.

3:THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
REP. BY DIRECTOR BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR NARG  
NEW DELHI

4:THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHER EDUCATION ASSAM  
KAHILIPARA GUWAHATI

5:THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
HIGHER EDUCATION ASSAM  
KAHILIPARA GUWAHATI

6:THE GOVERNING BODY  
REP. BY THE PRESIDENT OF GOVERNING BODY  
JHANJI HEMNATH SARMA COLLEGE  
JHANJI DIST. SIVASAGAR ASSAM

7:THE PRINCIPAL  
JHANJI HEMNATH SARMA COLLEGE  
JHANJI DIST. SIVASAGAR ASSAM

8:THE SELECTION COMMITTEE  
REP. BY ITS CHAIRMAN/PRESIDENT/MEMBERS OF THE SELECTION  
COMMITTEE JHANJI HEMNATH SARMA COLLEGE  
JHANJI DIST. SIVASAGAR ASSAM

9:PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY  
REP. BY DIRECTORATE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION  
R. VENKATARAMAN NAGAR KALPET PONDICHERR

**Linked Case : I.A.(Civil)/1102/2023**

BIND KR. CHOUHAN  
S/O SRI RAM BADAN CHOUHAN  
R/O VILL- 4 NO. NAWAIBIL P.O. LAMSAKHANG  
DIST.- KARBI ANGLONG ASSAM PIN - 782446.

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EDUCATION (HIGHER) DEPARTMENT  
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3:THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION REP. BY DIRECTOR  
BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR MARG NEW DELHI-02.

4:THE DIRECTOR HIGHER EDUCATION ASSAM  
KAHILIPARA GUWAHATI -29.

5:THE GOVERNING BODY  
REP. BY THE PRESIDENT OF GOVERNING BODY  
BONGAIGAON COLLEGE BONGAIGAON ASSAM

6:THE PRINCIPAL, BONGIGAON COLLEGE  
BONGAIGAON ASSAM

7:THE SELECTION COMMITTEE  
REP. BY ITS CHAIRMAN/MEMBERS  
SELECTION COMMITTEE BONGAIGAON COLLEGE  
BONGAIGAON ASSAM

8:PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY  
REPRESENTED BY ITS REGISTRAR  
RV NAGAR KALAPET PONDICHERRY - 605014.

9:DIRECTOR OF DISTANCE EDUCATION  
PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY  
RV NAGAR KALAPET PONDICHERRY - 605014

**Linked Case : I.A.(Civil)/1110/2021**

SIKKIM-MANIPAL UNIVERSITY (SMU)  
THROUGH ITS REGISTRAR  
5TH MILE TADONG GANGTOK EAST SIKKIM

VERSUS

1.UNION OF INDIA AND ORS  
THROUGH ITS SECRETARY  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT  
SHASTRI BHAVAN NEW DELHI 110001

2:UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
THROUGH ITS ADDITIONAL SECRETARY  
DISTANCE EDUCATION BUREAU  
35-FEROZE SHAH ROAD NEW DELHI 110001

3:THE STATE OF SIKKIM  
THROUGH ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY  
DEPT. OF HRDD GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM  
SECRETARIAT TASHILING GANGTOK EAST SIKKIM

**Linked Case : I.A.(Civil)/1104/2023**

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KAHILIPARA GUWAHATI

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JHANJI HEMNATH SARMA COLLEGE  
JHANJI DIST. SIVASAGAR ASSAM

7:THE PRINCIPAL  
JHANJI HEMNATH SARMA COLLEGE  
JHANJI DIST. SIVASAGAR ASSAM

8:THE SELECTION COMMITTEE  
REP. BY ITS CHAIRMAN/PRESIDENT/MEMBERS OF THE SELECTION  
COMMITTEE JHANJI HEMNATH SARMA COLLEGE  
JHANJI DIST. SIVASAGAR ASSAM

9:PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY  
REP. BY DIRECTORATE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION  
R. VENKATARAMAN NAGAR KALPET PONDICHERRY

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PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY  
RV NAGAR KALAPET PONDICHERRY - 605014

**Linked Case : WA/154/2021**

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THROUGH ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

DEPT. OF HRDD GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM  
SECRETARIAT TASHILING GANGTOK EAST SIKKIM

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Nos.138/2023, WA No.136/ 2023, I.A.(Civil)  
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**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN DEV CHOUDHURY**

**18.12.2025**

*(Ashutosh Kumar, CJ)*

As prayed for on behalf of the appellants/applicants, re-notify on

**23.02.2026.**

**JUDGE**

**CHIEF JUSTICE**

**Comparing Assistant**