

**IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD
(Special Original Jurisdiction)**

WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY FIFTH DAY OF MARCH
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE JUVVADI SRIDEVI

WRIT PETITION NO: 7478 OF 2026

Between:

1. Ambadi Pavan, S/o A.Lingamurthy, Aged 23, (Student Roll No-21831 A6202), R/o 8-58/2, Nizampalli Mandal, Kothapallygori, Warangal, Telangana 506348.
2. Tatikuntla Bhanu Prakash, S/o. T. Bheem Rao, Aged 23, (Student Roll No. 21831A6257), R/o. H.No. 18-8-410/7, Malikarjura Swamy Nagar, Uppuguda, Hyderabad, 500053.
3. Chalumuri Ramesh, S/o. Maheswara Rao, Aged 23, (Student Roll No. 20831A0313), R/o. H.No. 5-336/2E/1/A/1, Ratna Nagar Colony, Choutuppal, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri Dist, 508252
4. Choutapally Abhinay, S/o. Choutapally Kumara Swamy, Aged 22, (Student Roll No. 21831A7215), R/o. 8-6-110/C/1, Kothirampur, Rampur, Karimnagar, Telangana, 505001.
5. Siddi Anith Sai Gaud, S/o. Siddi Balagoud, Aged 22, (Student Roll No. 21831A6253), R/o. 1-80, Mallupalle, Mirdoddi, Siddipet, Telangana, 502102
6. Angala Raj Kumar, S/o. Angala Ramesh, Aged 22, (Student Roll No. 21831A6203), R/o. 30-1-65, Madikonda, Kazipet, Hanamkonda, 506142.
7. Bonala Nandini Sri, D/o. Bonala Srinivas, Aged 22, (Student Roll No. 21831A6209), R/o. Plot no. 49, SKYRA Residency, Road no. 05, Sarswati Nagar Colony, Omkarnagar, Bairamaiguda, Sagar Road, Hyderabad, 500079.
8. Kun Reddy Noble Reddy, S/o. Kun Reddy Ram Reddy, Aged 22, (Student Roll No. 21831A0476), R/o. 6-88, Battugudem, Peddavoora, Nalgonda, Telangana, 508266
9. Velle Lakshmi, D/o. Velle Srinivas, Aged 23, (Student Roll No. 21835A6606), R/o. Mamillagudem, Khammam, Telangana, 507001
10. Prodduturi Sai Kumar, S/o. Prodduturi Somaiah, Aged 22, (Student Roll No. 22835A0408), R/o. 8-8-406/1, Sri Ram Nagar Colony, Road no. 2, Karmanghat, Hyderabad, Telangana, 500035.
11. Vutkuru Sai Kiran, S/o. Vutkuru Venkateshwarlu, Aged 21, (Student Roll No. 21831A04D2), Rio. Kondamallepally, Nalgonda Dist, Telangana, 508243.

12. Bhanu Prasad Surineni, S/o. Surineni Madhukar Rao, Aged 22, (Student Roll No. 21831A04C1), R/o. HNO 5-56/2, AV Nagar 2, Thurkayamjal, Abdullapurmet, Ranga Reddy Dist, Telangana, 501510
13. Kuntun Pandari, S/o. Kuntun Nagappa, Aged 22 (Student Roll No. 21831A0478), R/o. 3-64, Degulwadi Village, Kangti Mandal, Sangareddy Dist, Telangana, 502286
14. Pettam Ranjith Kumar, S/o. Pettam Bapu, Aged 22, (Student Roll No. 22835A0225), R/o. 4-120, Perukapally, Tiryani, Kurnool Bheem Asifabad, 504297
15. Talagopula Sathya Sree, D/o. Srinivas, Aged 22. (Student Roll No. 22835A0230), R/o. H.No. 6-12, Bharath Nagar Colony, Uppal, Hyderabad, Telangana, 500039
16. Vamshi Mudiga, S/o. Krishnayya, Aged 22, (Student Roll No. 21831A04C6), R/o. 1-99, Neredugommu, Peddammagudi, Nalgonda, Telangana, 508248
17. Kondoju Vinay Kumar, S/o. Kondoju Ravinder, Aged 21, (Student Roll No. 21831A6231), R/o. H.No. 15-58, Gandhi Nagar Colony, Shadnagar, K.V. Rangareddy, Telangana, 509216
18. Kakunuri Bharath, S/o. Kakunuri Shankar, Aged 22 (Student Roll No. 21831A6226), R/o. H.No. 7-407/2, Brundhavan Colony, H. Rahimpattanam, Ranga Reddy, Telangana, 501506
19. M Vignesh, S/o. Macherla Murali, Aged 22, (Student Roll No. 21831A6236), R/o. 1-8-115/1/8/A, Naliagutta, Karim Compound, Secunderabad, Hyderabad, 500003.
20. Jatoth Aravind, S/o. Shankar, Aged 21, (Student Roll No. 21831A0574), R/o. Thirthala, Khammam, Telangana, 507003
21. Venna Venkatesh, S/o. Venna Ramulu, Aged 23, (Student Roll No. 21831A6263), R/o. 18-8-444/1/58, Uppuguda, Hyderabad, 500053
22. Vinod Seervi, S/o. Manglaram Choudhary Alias Seervi, Aged 24, (Student Roll No. 20831A0367), R/o. H.No. 5-66, Nadargul, Balapur Mandal, 501510
23. Tejavath Ganesh, S/o. Tejavath Bikshyam, Aged 23. (Student Roll No. 21831A0145), R/o. 1-78/4, Theerdhala, Khammam Rural, KMM Dist, Telangana, 507003
24. Vemula Vamshi Vardhan Goud, S/o. Vemula Srinivas Goud, Aged 24, (Student Roll No. 21831A04C9), R/o. GMRC Fortune Prime Apartment, Venkatadri Nivas, Road no. 1, Badagpet, 500058.
25. Kamalranjith Gandhi, S/o. Gandhi Malleswar Rao, Aged 24, (Student Roll No. 20831A0322), R/o. 11-14-498, Srinagar Colony, LB Nagar, Hyderabad
26. Tejavath Sudhakar, S/o. Tejavath Balaram, Aged 23 (Student Roll No. 21831A0146), R/o. H.No. 5-78, Yanampalli Thanda, Dichpalli Mandalam, Nizamabad, Telangana, 503175.
27. A Sai Nikhil Kumar Reddy, S/o. A Raj Gopal Reddy, Aged 22, (Student Roll No. 21831A0101), R/o. 1-1, Kotakadira, Mahabubnagar, 508104
28. V Bhaskar, S/o. V Chinna Sabanna, Aged 23, (Student Roll No. 22835A6206), R/o. H.No. 2-38, Village Bhairamkonda, Narayanpet, Telangana, 509210

29. Puppala Mani Teja, S/o. P Kumara Swamy, Aged 22, (Student Roll No. 21831A0141), R/o. Plot no. 26, Road no. 4, Hanuman Nagar, Jaipur Colony, Nagole, Hyderabad, 500068
30. Jangalla Abhilash, S/o. Jangalla Bheemaiah, Aged 22, (Student Roll No. 21831A0124), R/o. Lingampet Village, Kodgal Post, Jadcherla Mandal, Mahabubnagar Dist.
31. Dharavath Maruthi Nandanlal, S/o. Mangilal, Aged 23, (Student Roll No. 21831A0116), R/o. Vankudoth Thanda, Raghunath Palem Mandal, Khammam Dist, Telangana, 507182
32. Sriramula Sathwik, S/o. Sriramula Srinivas, Aged 22, (Student Roll No. 21831A7260), R/o. 20-186, Vidhya Nagar, Huzurabad, Dist. Karimnagar, 505468
33. Zaheer Uddin Ahmed, S/o. Mishab Uddin Ahmed, Aged 24, (Student Roll No. 20831A6660), R/o. 9-4-134/33, Aruna Colony, Tolichowki, Shaikpet, Hyderabad, Telangana 500008
34. Vaibhavi Kulkarni, D/o. Marthand Kulkarni, (Student Roll No. 21831A6260), R/o. Plot no 66, Rd no -5, Anand Nagar, Indraprastha colony, Bandlaguda, GSI road, Hayathnagar, 500068.
35. Boorugu Likitha, D/o. Boorugu Sunil Kumar, (Student Roll No. 21831A7211), R/o. Plot no 2, Syed Jalal Garden, West Marred pally, Secunderabad, 500026
36. Ande Akhil Sai, S/o. Ande Srinivas, (Student Roll No. 21831A1204), R/o. 12-9-138, Sardar nagar, Sircilla, Rajanna Sircilla, 505301
37. Dabbagottu Anil Kumar, S/o. Dabbagottu Ramanaiah, (Student Roll No. 21831A7218), R/o. Kapula bazaar, Dammampeta, Bhadradi Kothagudem dt, Telangana, 507306
38. Katipelli Sharanya, D/o. Katipelli Gangareddy, (Student Roll No. 21831A1227), R/o. 2-85, Kalikota, Kathalapur, Jagtial, Telangana, 505306.
39. Kalla Akshay, S/o. Kalla Chandrashekhar, (Student Roll No. 21831A6227), R/o. 5-61 Raghavapatnam, Gollapalli, Jagtial, Telangana, 505532
40. Kasthala Manjula, D/o. Kasthala Prasad, (Student Roll No. 21831A1226), R/o. 3-47, Railway Colony, Papadapalle, Papatapally, Khammam, Telangana, 507003.

(All the Petitioners above from 1 to 40 are students of Guru Nanak Institution of Technology (GNIT), Ibrahimpatnam, R.R. District)

...PETITIONERS

AND

1. The State of Telangana, Rep by its Chief Secretary, Telangana Secretariat Road, Central Secretariat, Khairatabad, Hyderabad -500004.
2. The State of Telangana, Rep by its Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Secretariat Road, Central, Secretariat, Khairatabad, Hyderabad 500004

3. Telangana Counsel for Higher Education, Rep by its Chairman Hyderabad, Opposite. Mahavir Hospital Masai tank, Hyderabad-500028
4. The Vice Chancellor, Jawahar Nehru Technological University, Kukatpally, Hyderabad
5. The Chief Secretary, Telangana Social Welfare Department (TSWREIS) Telangana Secretariate, Khairatabad, Hyderabad -500022
6. The Guru Nanak Institutions (GNIT), Rep by its Chairman and Managing Director H.S. Saini Ibrahimpatnam R.R. District Hyderabad-501506.

...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 an appropriate Writ, Order or Direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the Respondents No.5 in withholding the Petitioners original Certificates as illegal, unjust and violation of principles of natural justice and restrain the institution Colleges from withholding original certificate due to outstanding amounts for the Government or any including unpaid fees and regulations mentioned under Rule 2(F)(6) and Rule.4 issued by UGC notification vide file No.14-4/2012(CPP-1)in October 2018and Cir. No. JNTU/DAAA/Students/Fee Reimbursement/2024, Dated 07/03/2024 an violations issued by Respondent No.4 and AITCE Circular F.No1-101/DPG/AITCE/Regulations/2019 dated 29/03/2019 vide letter dated 5.8.2024 and violation of Article.14,19 and 21 of Constitution of India ,Consequently direct the Respondents to issue all the Original Certificates including Long Memo, Study and Conduct Transfer Certificate of SSC, Intermediate. All Semesters Memo, and Bonafide Certificates along Provisional and Consolidated Marks Memos of Engineering are holding with Respondent No.5

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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 to direct the respondent No. 5 to release forthwith the petitioners academic certificates and other related documents including SSC, Intermediate, T.C., and Bonafide Certificates to enable the petitioners to pursue higher studies and for employment or other competitive examinations.

Counsel for the Petitioner: SRI Y.V.S.S. SIVA SARMA

Counsel for the Respondent No.1: GP FOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Counsel for the Respondent No.2 & 3: SRI K. SHARATH,

ASST. GP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Counsel for the Respondent No.4: SRI PRABHAKAR PERI, S : FOR JNTU

Counsel for the Respondent No.5: GP FOR SOCIAL WELFARE

Counsel for the Respondent No.6: SRI T.V.V. CHAKRAPANI

The Court made the following: ORDER

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE SMT. JUSTICE JUVVADI SRIDEVI

WRIT PETITION No.7478 of 2026

25 MARCH, 2026

Between:

Ambadi Pavan and 39 others

... Petitioners

AND

The State of Telangana, rep. by its Chief Secretary,
Telangana Secretariat Road, Central Secretariat,
Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500004 and 5 others

... Respondents

: ORDER :

This Writ Petition is filed seeking the following relief:

"to issue an appropriate Writ, Order or Direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the Respondent No.5 in withholding the Petitioners original Certificates as illegal, unjust and violation of principles of natural justice and restrain the institution/ Colleges from withholding original certificate due to outstanding amounts for the Government or any including unpaid fees and regulations mentioned under Rule 2(F)(6) and Rule 4(c) issued by UGC notification vide file No.14-4/2012(CPP-1) in October 2018 and Cir.No.JNTUH/DAAA/Students/Fee Reimbursement/2024, Dated 07.03.2024 an violations issued by Respondent No.4 and AITCE Circular F.No.1-101/DPG/AITCE/Regulations/2019 dated 29/03/2019 vide letter dated 05.08.2024 and violation of Article 14, 19 and 21 of Constitution of India. Consequently, direct the Respondents to issue all the Original Certificates including Long Memo, Study and Conduct Transfer Certificate of SSC, Intermediate, All Semesters Memo and Bonafide Certificates along with Provisional and Consolidated Marks Memos of Engineering holding with Respondent No.5 and pass..."

2. Heard Mr. Y.V.S.S.Siva Sarma, learned counsel for the petitioners, Mr. K.Sharath, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Higher Education appearing for respondent Nos.2 and 3 and Mr. Prabhakar Peri, learned Standing Counsel for JNTU appearing for respondent No.4. There is no representation for respondent No.6.

3. Case of the petitioners is that they have pursued their Engineering course in respondent No.6 college and upon completion of their studies, they have approached the management for return of their original certificates by making several representations. However, respondent No.6 refused to return their original certificates and insisted them to pay the entire fee for the full four year course, relying upon the guidelines issued by the Finance (SCSDF & STSDF) Department vide U.O.No.27000860/A/97/SCSDF/202, dated 06.09.2024. Hence, the present writ petition.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the AICTE, vide Lr.No.1-101/PG/AICTE/Regulation/2019, dated 29.03.2019 and the Telangana State Council of Higher Education by Lr.No.TSCHE/Fee Reimbursement/2024, dated 23.02.2024, have directed the Directors/Principals and Registrars of all the universities

not to withhold or retain the original certificates of students and not to insist upon payment of fees from students who are eligible for fee reimbursement.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that as a result of the action of respondent No.6 college in withholding the original certificates, the petitioners were irretrievably deprived of the opportunity to submit applications for further studies at their institution of choice for TS/TG PGSET 2026 to 2028 Phase-II. The petitioners are not in a financial position to pay the amount demanded by respondent No.6. He further submits that the action of respondent No.6 in withholding the original certificates of the petitioners is illegal and arbitrary. Therefore, he seeks a direction to respondent No.6 to forthwith return the petitioner's original certificates.

6. Perused the record.

7. It is not in dispute that the petitioners have completed their studies in respondent No.6 college and their original certificates are in the custody of the said college. A bare perusal of the Lr.No.TSCHE/Fee Reimbursement/2024, dated 23.02.2024 issued by the Secretary, Telangana State Council of Higher Education,

reveals that specific instructions were issued directing all affiliated Private Colleges not to insist upon payment of tuition fees from students who are eligible for the fee reimbursement from the State Government. Further, as per the guidelines of UGC, no college is entitled to withhold or refuse to return any documents, including degree or diploma certificates or any other awards deposited with it by students for the purpose of seeking admission.

8. The certificates, being personal and academic credentials, are undoubtedly the property of the petitioners. In such circumstances, respondent No.6-college has no authority whatsoever to retain the said certificates and the retention of the petitioner's original certificates by respondent No.6 is wholly unjustified and cannot be sustained. Even assuming that the college has any monetary claim against the petitioners, withholding their original certificates cannot be adopted as a mode of enforcing such claim. The proper remedy, if any available to the college is to proceed in accordance with law for recovery of its dues and not by depriving the petitioners of their rightful original certificates.

9. For the foregoing discussion, this Writ Petition is allowed, directing respondent No.6 to forthwith return the original certificates of the petitioners to them, within a period of one (1) week, from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs.

Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand closed.

**SD/- P. PONNA KRISHNA
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Chief Secretary, The State of Telangana, Telangana Secretariat Road, Central Secretariat, Khairatabad, Hyderabad -500004.
2. The State of Telangana, The Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Secretariat Road, Central, Secretariat, Khairatabad, Hyderabad 500004
3. The Chairman, Telangana Counsel for Higher Education, Hyderabad, Opposite. Mahavir Hospital Masai tank, Hyderabad-500028
4. The Vice Chancellor, Jawahar Nehru Technological University, Kukatpally, Hyderabad
5. The Chief Secretary, Telangana Social Welfare Department (TSWREIS) Telangana Secretariate, Khairatabad, Hyderabad -500022
6. The Chairman and Managing Director The Guru Nanak Institutions (GNIT), H.S. Saini Ibrahimpatnam R.R. District Hyderabad-501506.
7. One CC to SRI Y.V.S.S. SIVA SARMA, Advocate [OPUC]
8. One CC to SRI PRABHAKAR PERI, SC FOR JNTU [OPUC]
9. One CC to SRI T.V.V. CHAKRAPANI, Advocate [OPUC]
10. Two CCs to GP FOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION High Court for the State of Telangana, at Hyderabad [OUT]
11. Two CCs to GP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, High Court for the State of Telangana, at Hyderabad [OUT]
12. Two CCs to GP FOR SOCIAL WELFARE, High Court for the State of Telangana, at Hyderabad [OUT]
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HIGH COURT

DATED: 25/03/2026

ORDER

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ALLOWING THE WRIT PETITION
WITHOUT COSTS

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