

*Kavita S.J.*

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

**WRIT PETITION NO. 4677 OF 2026**

**Bhavsar Manisha Bhika & Ors.,** **...Petitioners**

***Versus***

**The State of Maharashtra & Ors.,** **...Respondents**

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Mr. Sameer Singh for Petitioner.

Mr. P.P. Kakade, Addl. GP a/w Smt. Tanu N. Bhatia, AGP for Respondent Nos. 1 & 2 – State.

Ms. Disha Vardhan a/w Ms. Prajakta Shinde for Respondent Nos. 3 & 4.

Mr. Sharmad Pai Kane (through V.C.) a/w Mr. Ojas Kocharekar for Respondent Nos. 5 & 6.

Dean H.T. Jadhav, SNDT Women's University present.

V.G. Badgyar, AGP for State in WP No.2669 of 2026.

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**CORAM : R.I. CHAGLA, AND  
ADVAIT M. SETHNA, JJ.**

**DATED : 18th APRIL, 2026.**

**ORDER :**

1. This Writ Petition had been moved on ground of urgency in that, the Petitioners who are the students of Respondent No.5 – College are appearing for their final exams commencing from 21st

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April, 2026 and have sought direction to Respondent No.3 – University to allow the Petitioners to appear for their final exams from that College. Further prayer sought is that the Examination Center is required to be in Malegaon and not a Center which is several miles from Malegaon, where the Respondent No.5 – College is situated.

2. On the previous date, the learned Counsel appearing for Respondent No.3 – University had informed this Court that the Center for the examination had been changed to Indira College situated in Malegaon and for which a Letter dated 8th April, 2026 has been issued to all the students including the Petitioners of the Respondent No.5 – College.

3. The learned Counsel appearing for the Petitioners has no objection to the change and accordingly the prayer has not been pressed.

4. The issue which remains is whether the students of Respondent No.5 – College are required to be transferred to another College on the ground that the Respondent No.5 – college is not affiliated to the Respondent No.3 – University.

5. The learned Counsel appearing for Respondent No.3 – University states that the Respondent No.3 – University had given a choice of two colleges which are affiliated with the University, for transfer of students of Respondent No. 5 – College. These Colleges are SNTD College of Education, Pune & PVDT College of SNTD, Churchgate.

6. In an earlier round of the proceeding viz. Writ Petition No.11032 of 2025 filed by Respondent No.5 – College, this Court vide Order dated 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 had recorded the statement on behalf of Respondent No.3 – University (Respondent No.5 – therein) that it is willing to accommodate the students of Respondent No.5 – College run by Respondent No.3 – University. The Respondents – Authorities were directed to co-operate fully and extend all possible assistance to ensure that the academic year of the students would not suffer. It was kept open for the Petitioner (Respondent No.5 – College herein) to make an appropriate Application for affiliation which can be considered on its own merits and in accordance with law.

7. The learned Counsel appearing for Respondent No.3 –

University states that an appropriate Application had not been made by Respondent No. 5 – College but only an e-mail had been addressed which was not considered.

8. Respondent No.5 – College is directed to file an Additional Affidavit regarding the issue of affiliation with the Respondent No.3 – University and which Additional Affidavit shall be filed within a period of two weeks from today.

9. Respondent No.3 – University shall provide the Hall Tickets to the students of Respondent No.5 – College by 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 in order for the students to appear in the examination commencing from 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2026.

10. Respondent No.5 – College shall co-operate with the Respondent No.3 University by providing all necessary documents with regard to internal assessment of its students and previous examinations as well as assignments taken.

11. At this stage, we are not inclined to grant any ad-interim relief and accordingly the Writ Petition shall be placed for further consideration on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2026.

12. Writ Petition No.2669 of 2026 shall also be placed on the next date.

[ADVAIT M. SETHNA, J.]

[R.I. CHAGLA, J.]