

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION (ST) NO. 13689 OF 2026

Raunak Siddharth Jadhav & Ors. ...Petitioners
Vs.
The State of Maharashtra & Ors. ...Respondents

Mr. Kunal Uttam Shirgire i/by Vikas Kolekar for the Petitioner.
Mr. S. H. Kankal, AGP for State.
Mr. Shailendra Kanitkar for the Respondents.

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

DATED : 05TH MAY, 2026

P.C.:-

1. The Petitioners in the above Writ Petitions are similarly placed as the Petitioner in Writ Petition Nos.6027 of 2026 and companion Writ Petitions which were the subject matter of order dated 4 May 2026. The Petitioners are having attendance between 50% to 54% and have sought further relaxation in view of their attendance in the Respondent No.3-College.
2. By the said order dated 4 May 2026, passed in ***Aniruddha Gaurav Gursal & Ors. Vs. The State of Maharashtra & Ors.*** (Writ Petition No.6027 of 2026), this Court had considered the issues which had arisen in those Petitions and which also arise in the above Writ Petitions. Having so considered, noting the decision having been passed by the Delhi High Court in Sushant Rohilla (judgment dated 3 November 2025 in Writ Petition

(CRL) No.793 of 2017) which has also been followed in *Aman Jaiswal S/o. Shyam Bihari Prasad Jaiswal Vs. Vice Chancellor, Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur & Ors.*¹ as well as in *Vinayak Krishna Thorat Vs. University of Mumbai & Anr.*² passed by this Bench, a prima facie view was taken that the Petitioners should be allowed to take the semester end examinations and which shall be subject to outcome of the Petition.

3. Taking a similar prima facie view in these matters, an *ad interim* order is required to be also passed in the above Writ Petitions considering similar factual scenario as in the Petitions (supra). The Petitioners in the above Writ Petition are also allowed to appear in the semester end examinations subject to the outcome of these Petitions. The Petitioners in the above Petitions shall not claim any equity by virtue of this order. All the rights and contentions of the parties are kept open. It is made clear that this order shall apply only to the Petitioners in the above Writ Petitions.

4. The Respondents shall file their affidavits-in-reply to the above Writ Petitions on or before 9 June 2026. The Petitioners shall file affidavit in rejoinder on or before 16 June 2026.

5. Place this Writ Petition along with Writ Petition No.6027 of 2026 and companion matters for further consideration on **22 June 2026**.

[ADVAIT M. SETHNA, J.]

[R.I. CHAGLA, J.]

1 Writ Petition No.4727 of 2025 decided on 28 November 2025.

2 Writ Petition (L) No.5881 of 2026 dated 17 February 2026.