



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

SUO-MOTO CONTEMPT PETITION (ST.) NO.01/2026

High Court on its own Motion ... Petitioner
Versus
Ashiwini Nikhil Patil ... Respondent

AND

CIVIL PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (ST.) NO.1956/2026

Kolhapur District Bar Association and others ... Petitioners
Versus
The State of Maharashtra and others ... Respondents

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Mr Tejpal Ingale, Mr. Shrikrishna Ganabavale, Mr. VR. Patil, Mr. R.B. Mandlik, Mr. Umesh Mankapure i/b Mr. Swaroop M. Karade, Advocate for petitioners

Dr M.M. Sathye, Advocate General a/w , Ms. Tejas J. Kapre, AGP for the Respondent - State.

Mr. Rajiv Chavan Senior Advocate, a/w Mr. Satyavrat Joshi, Advocate Amicus Curiae, for respondent No.2

Dr. Uday Warunekar, Advocate for respondent No.8

Mr. Shekhar Jagtap, Advocate (thr V.C.) a/w Mr. Sanket Khandagale, Advocate for respondent No.8

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CORAM : MADHAV J. JAMDAR &
PRAVIN S. PATIL, JJ.

DATE : 04.05.2026.

P. C. :

1. Mr. Tejpal Ingale, Mr. Shrikrishna Ganabavale, Mr. VR. Patil, Mr. R.B. Mandlik, Mr. Umesh Mankapure i/b Mr. Swaroop M. Karade, learned Counsel appearing for the petitioners seek leave to implead the “Union of



India” as a party respondent in Public Interest Litigation St.

No.1956/2026. Leave as aforesaid is granted.

2. Necessary amendment be carried out forthwith.
3. Reverification is dispensed with.
4. In view of the important issue raised in Public Interest Litigation regarding the frequent assault on Advocate, Mr. Anil Singh, learned Additional Solicitor General of India is requested to assist the Court.
5. Stand over to 05.05.2026.

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[PRAVIN S. PATIL, J.]

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