

WP NO. 2921/2026 (GM - POLICE)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

**[CITY INSTITUTE VS. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA AND
OTHERS]**

04.02.2026

(VIDEO CONFERENCING / PHYSICAL HEARING)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B M SHYAM PRASAD

ORAL ORDER

Sri Kantharaj H., the learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner, submits that the petitioner is constrained to approach this Court for directions to the jurisdictional police not to interfere with its activity, and the learned Senior Counsel canvasses that the petitioner has been in existence as a society encouraging participation in recreational activities for over nine decades and the jurisdictional police, despite an inspection on 04.01.2026 as is recorded in Annexure-E1, are interfering with the everyday functioning of the petitioner.

Sri Kantharaj H argues that this Court's consistent view is that though the police can act if there is illegal activity, they cannot insist upon a license to run recreational facilities especially when there are facilities.

In consideration of these submissions, Sri B Ravindranath, a learned Additional Government Advocate is called upon to accept notice for the respondents and secure instructions from the fourth respondent on the reason for interference as is now alleged. The fourth respondent shall secure this report from the sixth respondent and place it on record by the next date of hearing.

The respondents - Police are directed not to interfere with the lawful activities in the petitioner's premises until the next date of hearing.

The office is directed to re-list this petition on **09.02.2026.**

(B M SHYAM PRASAD)
JUDGE

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