



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 24TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE E.S. INDIRESH

WRIT PETITION NO.38461 OF 2025 (EDN-RES)

BETWEEN:

1. SRI. MALLESH G.
S/O SRI. GOPALKRISHNAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 39 YEARS,
R/AT 7TH DIVISION, SRINAGAR,
NEAR V.R. SCHOOL,
DODDABALLAPUR - 561 203.
2. LOKANATHA T.V.
S/O VENKATESHA,
AGED ABOUT 29 YEARS,
R/AT 4TH WARD, NEW STREET,
T.NARASIPURA TALUK,
MYSURU - 571 122.

...PETITIONERS

(BY SRI. ANOOP HARANAHALLI, ADVOCATE)

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Location: HIGH
COURT OF
KARNATAKA

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
M.S BUILDING,
DR. AMBEDKAR VEEDHI,
BENGALURU - 560 001.
REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY.
2. THE KARNATAKA STATE LAW UNIVERSITY
NAVANAGAR,
HUBBALI,
DHARWAD DISTRICT - 580 011.
REP. BY ITS REGISTRAR.



3. JALAPPA LAW COLLEGE,
R.L.J. IT CAMPUS,
KODIGEHALLI,
DODDABALLAPUR - 561 203.
REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL.
4. THE REGISTRAR - EVALUATION,
NAVANAGAR,
HUBBALI,
DHARWAD DISTRICT - 580 011.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SMT. SUKANYA BALIGA B., AGA FOR R1;
SRI. GIRISH KUMAR, ADVOCATE FOR R2 AND R4;
RESPONDENT NO.3 - SERVED AND UNREPRESENTED)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLE 226 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO QUASH THE COMMUNICATION DATED 12TH DECEMBER, 2025 ISSUED BY THE RESPONDENT NO.3-COLLEGE VIDE ANNEXURES 'A' AND 'A1'; DIRECT THE RESPONDENT NO.2 TO ISSUE ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE TO PETITIONERS ON THE BASIS OF THEIR B.A., DEGREE TO CONTINUE 3 YEARS LL.B COURSE AT RESPONDENT NO.3-COLLEGE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26; AND ETC.

THIS PETITION COMING ON FOR ORDERS, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE E.S.INDIRESH

ORAL ORDER

In this writ petition, petitioners are challenging the Communication dated 12th December, 2025 (Annexures 'A' and 'A1'); *inter alia* sought for direction to the respondent No.2-University to issue eligibility certificate to thee petitioners on the basis of their B.A. Degree to continue three years LL.B



Course at the respondent No.3-College for the Academic year 2025-26.

2. Heard Sri. Anoop Haranahalli, learned counsel appearing for petitioners; Smt. Sukanya Baliga B., learned Additional Government Advocate appearing for the respondent No.1; and Sri. Girish Kumar, learned counsel appearing for respondents 2 and 4.

3. Having heard the learned counsel appearing for the parties and on perusal of the writ papers, the same would indicate that the respondent No.3-College issued a Communication dated 12th December, 2025 (Annexures 'A' and 'A1'), wherein it is informed that the enrollment of petitioners for three years LL.B Course for the Academic year 2025-26 has been cancelled since, the respondent No.2-University had rejected the applications of the petitioners for admission on the ground that the petitioners have not studied PUC/12th Standard.

4. On perusal of the writ petition, it is forthcoming that the petitioners have completed Job Oriented/ITI Course and Bachelor Degree in Arts. Therefore, following the law declared



by this Court in the case of **RAKESH SHETTY vs. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA AND OTHERS** made in *Writ Petition No.31737 of 2024* decided on 09th December, 2024, I am of the view that the relief sought for by the petitioner in this petition has to be accepted. Accordingly, I pass the following:

ORDER

- (i) Writ Petition ***allowed;***
- (ii) Communication dated 12th December, 2025 (Annexures 'A' and 'A1') issued by the respondent No.3-College in respect of the petitioners is hereby quashed;
- (iii) The respondent No.2-University is directed to issue eligibility certificate and accord admission to the petitioners in the respondent No.3-College to pursue three years LL.B Course for the Academic year 2025-26.

**Sd/-
(E.S.INDIRESH)
JUDGE**

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