



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA, AT DHARWAD

DATED THIS THE 7TH DAY OF MAY, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAVI V.HOSMANI

WRIT PETITION NO.103763 OF 2026 (EDN-RES)

BETWEEN:

1. MAHENDRA S/O KOMAL HANNIKERI,
AGE. 24 YEARS, OCC. ADVOCATE,
RESIDENT OF VANTAMURI COLONY, BELAGAVI 590001.
 2. ABHISHEK S/O DANNAPPA JATTI,
AGE. 26 YEARS, OCC. ADVOCATE,
RESIDENT OF VIJAYA NAGAR COLONY,
TALUK JAMKHANDI, DIST. BAGALKOT 587301.
 3. SNEHA D/O DHARMARAJ KULKARNI,
AGE. 24 YEARS, OCC. ADVOCATE,
RESIDENT OF ANANTASHAYAN GALLI, BELAGAVI 590001.
 4. PRATHIMA D/O MANJUPRASAD KAMMAR,
AGED 24 YEARS, OCC. ADVOCATE,
RESIDENT OF BASAVAN GALLI, BELAGAVI 590001.
- ...PETITIONERS

(BY SRI RAVICHANDRAGOUDA R. PATIL, ADVOCATE)

AND:

KARNATAKA STATE LAW UNIVERSITY,
REPRESENTED BY ITS VICE CHANCELLOR,
NAVANAGAR, HUBBALLI 580025.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI PAVAN DODDATTI, ADVOCATE)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLE 226 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO ISSUE A WRIT QUASHING THE DISCRIMINATORY CONDITION IN THE IMPUGNED NOTIFICATION NUMBERED NO.KSLU/EXAM/2025-26/53 DATED 07.04.2026 HEREBY PRODUCED AS ANNEXURE A RESTRICTING "IN PERSON" CONVOCATION TO FIRST CLASS STUDENTS; ISSUED BY THE RESPONDENT & ETC.





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

CORAM: THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAVI V.HOSMANI

ORAL ORDER

Heard Sri Ravichandragouda R.Patil, learned counsel for petitioners and Sri Pavan Doddatti, learned counsel for respondent-Karnataka State Law University ('University' for short).

2. This writ petition is filed challenging notification dated 07.04.2026 issued by University insofar as stipulation about payment of fee towards receipt of degree certificates in absentia as well as classification of persons entitled to receive degree certificates in person.

3. Though contentions are urged that classifications of students of one academic year only for purposes of receipt of degree certificates in person and barring students from other academic years would be violative of Article 14 of Constitution of India and though such classification seemingly appears to be so. It is not difficult to imagine that said classification is for purposes



of limiting number of attendees, taking note of capacity of venue of convocation.

4. Insofar as substantially higher cost prescribed for applying for degree certificates in absentia, learned counsel for University submits that same was stipulated pursuant to a resolution of Syndicate of University dated 27.08.2013, providing for increase of fee by 10% every year. *Prima Facie*, same appears to transcend logic. However, in view of impending last date for filing applications for degree certificates, petition ***disposed of*** by permitting petitioners to pay fee demanded under protest and such payment shall be treated as payment under protest.

5. Respondent-University is directed to maintain accounts and communicate actual costs of expenses per-student incurred by University by publishing same on notice board as well as on website of University within two weeks from today. In case, actual costs is found to be less than amount demanded, excess amount shall be refunded to each of students.



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6. A right is also reserved to students to challenge costs, in case they choose to do so.

Sd/-
(RAVI V.HOSMANI)
JUDGE

RHR/-CT:VP
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