



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.A. No.550 of 2024

Utkal University, Bhubaneswar and others **Appellants**

Mr. T.P. Acharya, Advocate

-Versus-

Byomakesh Nayak **Respondent**

Mr. L.K. Maharana, Advocate

CORAM:

**JUSTICE KRISHNA SHRIPAD DIXIT
JUSTICE CHITTARANJAN DASH**

ORDER
24.02.2026

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Heard learned Panel Counsel-Mr. Acharya appearing for the Appellants-University who very passionately made submissions. Heard learned counsel-Mr. Maharana representing the Respondent-Candidate who also performed equally well. Both they want to confer with their respective clients as to how in the bared fact matrix of this case something can be done to do justice to both the sides.

2. Learned Panel Counsel for University is requested to cite before this Court whether there were any precedence, wherein the Academic Council in terms of Statute 237 had granted exemption from attendance and issued a certificate to that effect in last six decades also.



In view of the above, a short accommodation is accorded.
Call this matter on 24.03.2026.

(Krishna Shripad Dixit)
Judge

(Chittaranjan Dash)
Judge

Anisha