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Lr.No.SAAP/SRR/MBBS&BDS-2026-27/2939258/2026, Dt: 24-10-2026

To
The Registrar,
NTR University of Health Sciences (NTRUHS),
Vijayawada.

Sir,

Sub:- SAAP - Sports Quota Admissions for the Academic Year 2026-27 -
Sri Pasupuleti Pranav Mahesh - Revision of priority and serial
number in the revised final priority list dated 15.10.2026 - Request
to place the candidate at Sl. No. 14 - Regarding.

Ref:- 1)Lr.No.SAAP/SRR/MBBS&BDS-2026-27/2939258/2026,
Dt.16/10/2026 along with revised Final Merit List
2)Directions of the Hon'ble High Court in
WRIT PETITION NO: 30921/2026, Dt.17/10/2026
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With reference to the subject and references cited, it is informed that the sports quota priority of Sri Pasupuleti Pranav Mahesh has been revised to Priority No. 82 in compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble High Court in the writ petition cited above.

In the revised final priority list dated 15.10.2026, the said candidate was placed at Sl. No. 100. In view of the revised priority, the candidate is required to be placed at Sl. No. 14, immediately after Smt. Mallareddy Iswarya, who is placed at Sl. No. 13 with Priority No. 81.

In this regard, you are requested to make the necessary corrections in the revised final priority list by placing Sri Pasupuleti Pranav Mahesh at Sl. No. 14, retaining the candidate presently at Sl. No. 14 at Sl. No. 15, and renumbering the subsequent entries accordingly.

You are further requested to take necessary action for allotment of seats under the Sports Quota in accordance with the revised priority, eligibility criteria, applicable rules and the directions of the Hon'ble High Court.

Yours faithfully,
S.Bharani I.F.S
VICE CHAIRMAN AND
MANAGING DIRECTOR

Encl: Copy of references

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1. The VC&MDs Peshi, SAAP.

2. SF/SC.



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI
(Special Original Jurisdiction)**

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SATURDAY, THE 17th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE MAHESWARA RAO KUNCHEAM

WRIT PETITION NO: 30921/2026

Between:

1.PASUPULETI V S PRANAV MASHESH, S/O PASUPULETI
SUBRAMANYAM, AGED ABOUT 19 YEARS, STUDENT, R/O 15/62,
GANGURAJUPODU, KODUR VILLAGE AND MANDAL, ANNAMAYYA
DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH - 516101.

...PETITIONER

AND

1.THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL
SECRETARY, HEALTH MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI,
AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522238.

2.DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH, SPORTS AND CULTURAL REP. BY ITS
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS,
VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522238.

3.SPORTS AUTHORITY OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS VICE
CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR,INDIRA GANDHI
MUNICIPAL CORPORATION STADIUM, M.G. ROAD, LABBIPET,
VIJAYAWADA - 520010.

4.DR NTR UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, REP. BY ITS
REGISTRAR, VIJAYAWADA - 520008.

5.SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS
SECRETARY, D.NO. 7-116, KRISHNA NAGAR COLONY,

SRIKAKULAM - 532001.

...RESPONDENT(S):

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased to issue a writ, order or direction, more particularly one in the nature of a Writ of Mandamus (a) Declare the action of Respondent No. 3 in declaring the Petitioner not eligible at Serial No. 100 of the Revised Final Merit List for admission into MBBS and BDS courses for the academic year 2026-27 under the Sports and Games category, forwarded under Lr. No. SAAP/SRR/MBBS and BDS2026-27/2939258/2026 dated 16.10.2026, and in not assigning him any priority at Serial No. 30 of the tentative priority list notified in File No. 5156/MBBS/BDS/EA1/2026 (Sports) dated 01.10.2026, on the ground that the Softball Association of Andhra Pradesh was not recognized by SAAP, as illegal, arbitrary, violative of Article 14 of the Constitution of India, and contrary to the order of the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Hon'ble Court dated 14.10.2026 in W.P. No. 28876 of 2026 and the judgment dated 13.11.2025 in W.P. No. 31326 of 2025, and set aside the remark recorded against the Petitioner (b) Direct Respondent No. 3 to consider the certificate of the Petitioner for securing Third Place in the 42nd Junior National Softball Championship held at Nandyal, Kurnool District from 06.10.2024 to 10.10.2024, together with his other certificates, in the manner directed by this Hon'ble Court in W.P. No. 28876 of 2026, assign him the priority due under the applicable Government Orders, and include his name in a revised final merit list under the Sports and Games category Direct Respondent No. 4 to permit the Petitioner to participate in counselling for admission into MBBS and BDS courses and to allot him a seat for the academic year 2026-27 under the Sports and Games category, in accordance with the priority so assigned and his merit

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Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased pending disposal of the writ petition to direct Respondent No. 3 and Respondent No. 4 to consider the Petitioner provisionally under the Sports and Games category, by considering his certificate for securing Third Place in the 42nd Junior National Softball Championship, assign him the priority due, permit him to participate in counselling for admission into MBBS and BDS courses for the academic year 2026-27, and allot him a seat under the Sports

and Games category in accordance with the priority so assigned and his merit, subject to the outcome of the writ petition,

Counsel for the Petitioner:

- 1.R YELLA REDDY

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

- 1.GP FOR MEDICAL HEALTH FW
- 2.GP FOR YOUTH SERVICES

The Court made the following:

ORDER(*per Justice Kiranmayee Mandava*):

The instant Writ Petition is filed seeking issuance of a Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the 3rd respondent, Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh (SAAP), in treating the petitioner as ineligible for admission into the MBBS/BDS courses for the academic year 2026–2027 under the Sports and Games quota, the Softball Association of Andhra Pradesh was not recognised by SAAP, as illegal and arbitrary.

2. It is contended that the petitioner had appeared for the NEET-UG 2026 examination, secured AIR 2,39,593. The petitioner, a softball player, claims to have participated at the District, State and National level championships.

3. It is submitted that the petitioner represented the State of Andhra Pradesh at the 42nd Junior National Softball Championship held in Nandyal, Kurnool District from 06.10.2024 to 10.10.2024, in which the petitioner secured third place. Thereafter, the petitioner participated in the 11th Senior Inter-District Softball Championship during 2024–2025 and the 11th Junior Inter-District Softball Championship. In this regard, the petitioner was duly issued participation certificates by SAAP.

4. The renewal of recognition of the Softball Association was valid up to 31.12.2024. Subsequently, the recognition of the Softball Association was withdrawn vide proceedings of the SAAP dated 20.01.2025, on account of

certain allegations that a person had obtained a fake certificate relating to the 43rd Senior National Softball Championship held in December 2021 and had secured public employment on the basis of the said fake certificate. Upon discovery of the alleged irregularity, SAAP withdrew the recognition of the Association by proceedings dated 20.01.2025.

5. Thereafter, the SAAP renewed the recognition of the Association for the year 2026. It is contended that the operation of the withdrawal of recognition was only for a shorter period.

6. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the championship certificates issued in favour of the petitioner relate to the period when the recognition of the Association was very much valid and in-force.

7. After securing a rank in the NEET examination, the petitioner applied for admission to the MBBS course for the academic year 2026–2027 under the Sports quota and appeared for physical verification of the documents on 31.08.2026. The petitioner was also called for a physical skill test. After verification of the documents and the skill test, the University published a tentative priority list based on the particulars furnished by SAAP, in pursuance thereof, grievances were called for from the applicants. The said list the petitioner was placed at Serial No. 30.

8. However, in the remarks column of the tentative priority list, it was mentioned that the petitioner was ineligible as the Association was not recognised by SAAP and, therefore, the certificates were not considered. The petitioner submitted a grievance petition on 03.10.2026, pointing out that the withdrawal of recognition had nothing to do with the petitioner's participation in the sport and that the cancellation of recognition had no bearing on the certificates already issued in favour of the petitioner. However, SAAP did not consider the petitioner's objection and maintained its view as reflected in the tentative priority list.

9. The petitioner contends that a similarly situated applicant/candidate, namely, Badagala Kethan, faced the same issue with regard to similar certificates in respect of the same sport viz., baseball. He challenged the said action in Writ Petition No. 28876 of 2026. In the said Writ Petition, the a Coordinate Division Bench of this Court observed that the petitioner therein should not be made to suffer as the certificates had already been issued in respect of participation in the respective championships. It was observed that the Softball Association of India had issued certificates for participation in the relevant championships and that, although the recognition of the Association had been withdrawn, it was renewed for a short period and thereafter again renewed in the year 2026.

10. Having regard to the same, SAAP was directed to consider the case of the petitioner therein under the Sports quota by taking into account the

certificate produced by the petitioner relating to the 47th Senior National Softball Championship, 2025. Learned counsel for the petitioner prays for passing a similar order in the instant Writ Petition.

11. Learned counsel for the petitioner further relies on the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **S. Krishna Sradha v. State of Andhra Pradesh**, wherein the Apex Court observed at para 9 (ii), which reads as under:

“9 (ii) Under exceptional circumstances, if the Court finds that there is no fault attributable to the candidate and the candidate has pursued his/her legal right expeditiously without any delay and there is fault only on the part of the authorities and/or there is apparent breach of rules and regulations as well as related principles in the process of grant of admission which would violate the right of equality and equal treatment to the competing candidates and if the time schedule prescribed – 30th September, is over, to do the complete justice, the Court under exceptional circumstances and in rarest of rare cases directs the admission in the same year by directing to increase the seats; however, it should not be more than one or two seats and such admissions can be ordered within reasonable time, i.e., within one month from 30th September, i.e., cut-off date and under no circumstances, the Court shall order any admission in the same year beyond 30th October.

However, it is observed that such relief can be granted only in exceptional circumstances and in the rarest of rare cases. In case of such an eventuality, the Court may also pass an order cancelling the admission given to a candidate who is at the bottom of the merit list of the category who, if the admission would have been given to a more meritorious candidate who has been denied admission illegally, would not have got the admission, if the Court deems it fit and proper, however, after giving an opportunity of hearing to a student whose admission is sought to be cancelled.”

12. Learned Standing Counsel, Smt. Sree Devi, appearing for the respondent University, submits that the admission process has already progressed and that any revision of the final priority list would disturb the entire list and jeopardise the interests of other candidates whose cases have already been considered.

13. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner approached the authorities within a reasonable time and that objections were called for from the petitioner and the petitioner has uploaded his objections today on the University's website. Having regard to the same, it is submitted that there was no undue delay in approaching this Court.

14. Sri G. Sai Narayan Rao, learned Standing Counsel appearing for SAAP, submits that the petitioner's claim was not considered because the

recognition of the Softball Association had been withdrawn during the relevant period.

15. Having regard to the contentions advanced by both sides, this Court is of the view that the petitioner in Writ Petition No. 28076 of 2026 and the petitioner in the instant Writ Petition are placed on the same footing. In both cases, the claims were not considered for the same reason. Both candidates participated in the same sport, represented the Association and the State, and relied upon certificates issued by the same Association. There is no distinction between the said case and the present case.

16. Having regard to the same, this Court is of the considered view that the Writ Petition can be disposed of in terms of the order passed in W.P.No.28876 of 2026 by directing the respondents, particularly the Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh (SAAP), to issue a revised final merit list after considering the championship certificates produced by the petitioner, without being influenced by the fact of withdrawal of the recognition of the Softball Association of Andhra Pradesh for some period. The respondents shall consider the case on merits and issue the final merit list accordingly, by passing appropriate orders. Upon such consideration, if the respondents come to a conclusion that the case of the petitioner deserves consideration, for admission, the same shall be after following the principle laid down by the Apex Court in the case of in **S. Krishna Sradha v. State**

of Andhra Pradesh. For better appreciation, the said observation of the Apex Court is reproduced:

“In case of such an eventuality, the Court may also pass an order cancelling the admission given to a candidate who is at the bottom of the merit list of the category who, if the admission would have been given to a more meritorious candidate who has been denied admission illegally, would not have got the admission, if the Court deems it fit and proper, however, after giving an opportunity of hearing to a student whose admission is sought to be cancelled.”

17. With the above observation, the Writ Petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel, all pending miscellaneous applications shall stand closed.

KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA, J

MAHESWARA RAO KUNCHEAM, J

Dated: 17.10.2025
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THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA
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(per Justice Kiranmayee Mandava)

Dated: 17.10.2025

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