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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI **[3458]**
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

FRIDAY, THE 3rd DAY OF JULY 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

WRIT PETITION NO: 17385 OF 2026

Between:

1. SRI VENKATESWARA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, HAMPAPURAM VILLAGE, RAPTHADU MANDAL, ANANTAPUR DISTRICT - 515722, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL, DR. T. VISHNU VARDHAN.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT. PIN-522238
2. THE COMMISSIONER OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH, MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522 503
3. THE STATE BOARD OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING, ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS SECRETARY, GARUDADRI K.K. TOWERS, MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR DISTRICT- 522 503.
4. THE CONVENER, APPOLYCET-2026 ADMISSIONS, COMMISSIONERATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION, MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522 503
5. THE ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION AICTE, REP. BY ITS MEMBER SECRETARY, NELSON MANDELA MARG, VASANT KUNJ, NEW DELHI - 110070.

...RESPONDENT(S):

Counsel for the Petitioner: G Sekhar Reddy

Counsel for the Respondent(S): GP for Higher Education

The Court made the following order:

Heard Sri G.Sekhar Reddy, learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Assistant Government Pleader for Higher Education appearing for the respondents.

2. The grievance of the petitioner in the instant writ petition is against the action of the respondent Nos.2 to 4 in not recognizing the All India Council for Technical Education (hereinafter referred to as 'AICTE') Extension of Approval dated 04.05.2026 granted by the AICTE to the petitioner for the Diploma programme in Computer Science and Engineering (Artificial Intelligence) course with intake of 120 seats.

3. The petitioner institution is a private unaided technical institution established to impart Education in Technical courses. It is submitted that the petitioner sought approval to conduct Diploma courses for the academic year 2026-2027. Accordingly, the petitioner applied to the competent authority the AICTE. The AICTE vide proceedings dated 04.05.2026, granted approval for conducting the following Diploma programme courses:

Level	Program	Course	Affiliating Body (University/Body)
Diploma	Engineering and Technology	Artificial intelligence	State Board of Technical Education and Training, Andhra Pradesh
Diploma	Engineering and Technology	Computer Engineering	State Board of Technical Education and Training, Andhra Pradesh
Diploma	Engineering and Technology	Electrical and Electronics Engineering	State Board of Technical Education and Training, Andhra Pradesh
Diploma	Engineering	Electronics &	State Board of Technical

	and Technology	Communication Engineering	Education and Training, Andhra Pradesh

4. After obtaining the said approval, the petitioner approached the Skills Development and Training (TE.A1) Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh seeking permission for the new Diploma course i.e., Artificial Intelligence. Pursuant to the said application, an inspection was conducted and after physical verification of the relevant documents and the facilities provided by the petitioner institution for the academic year 2026-2027, a report was submitted by the 2nd respondent along with recommendations for starting the new Diploma course which includes Computer Science and Engineering (Artificial Intelligence). Basing on the said report, the Secretary to Government, Skills Development and Training (TE.A1) Department, vide proceedings dated 20.05.2026, accorded permission to the 2nd respondent for commencing the new Diploma courses by the petitioner.

5. It is contended that the 3rd respondent, vide proceedings dated 11.12.2025, issued revised nomenclature for different courses wherein the subject course of Artificial Intelligence was given as “Computer Science and Engineering (Artificial Intelligence)-CAI”. Thereafter, the Secretary to Government, Skills Development and Training (TE.A1) Department, vide proceedings dated 20.05.2026, accorded permission to the 2nd respondent for commencing the new Diploma courses by the petitioner including the course “Computer Science and Engineering (Artificial Intelligence)”. Vide proceedings

dated 18.06.2026, the 3rd respondent granted renewal of affiliation to the petitioner's college in respect of the following three Diploma courses:

Sl.No.	Course Name	Course Code	Affiliated Intake 2026-27
1	Computer Science and Engineering	CSE	90
2	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	EE	30
3	Electronics & Communication Engineering	EC	60

6. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the said proceedings of the 3rd respondent are contrary to its own proceedings dated 11.12.2025, and the proceedings of the AICTE as well as the proceedings of the Skills Development and Training (TE.A1) Department, dated 20.05.2026.

7. It is contended that unless the 3rd respondent changes the nomenclature of the subject course from "Artificial Intelligence" to "Computer Science and Engineering (Artificial Intelligence)" with an intake of 120 students, as approved by the Government of Andhra Pradesh and the AICTE, the petitioner will not be able to admit students during the ensuing counselling, which is scheduled today and which has been extended till 04.07.2026. Learned counsel for the petitioner prays for a direction to the respondents to consider "Computer Science and Engineering (Artificial Intelligence)" as one of the approved courses, as the same has been approved by the AICTE, however, with a different nomenclature as “Artificial Intelligence” and permitted by the Skills Development and Training Department with an intake of 120 seats. Thus, the petitioner prays for a direction to the respondents to include the programme "Computer Science and Engineering (Artificial Intelligence)".

8. A perusal of the approvals granted by the AICTE in favour of the petitioner, and the proceedings of the Principal Secretary, Skills Development and Training (TE.A1) Department, and the proceedings of the 3rd respondent dated 11.12.2025 reflects that the nomenclature to the course “Artificial Intelligence” was given as "Computer Science and Engineering (Artificial Intelligence)-CAI".

9. In view of the above, as the petitioner was granted approval/permission for commencement of “Artificial Intelligence”, by both the AICTE and the Government of Andhra Pradesh, the 3rd respondent while issuing the impugned proceedings ought to have shown the said course also as one of the permitted course. On the premise of difference in the nomenclature, the petitioner cannot be deprived of approval granted by AICTE and the Government for commencement of the course “Artificial Intelligence”. In the light of the same, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the respondents to include the course "Computer Science and Engineering (Artificial Intelligence)" in the counselling and permit the petitioner to participate in the counselling process and admit students to the course "Computer Science and Engineering (Artificial Intelligence)". The respondents are further directed to issue consequential proceedings by reflecting the course as "Computer Science and Engineering (Artificial Intelligence)" with an intake of 120 students, as approved by the AICTE, thereby enabling the petitioner institution to take admissions to the course "Computer Science and Engineering (Artificial Intelligence)".

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

As a sequel, all pending miscellaneous petitions, if any, shall stand closed.

JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

Date: 03.07.2026
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Whether the order is:

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Reportable		Non-reportable	☑

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