

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO. 762 OF 2026
BANASTHALI VIDYAPITH **...PETITIONER(S)**
VERSUS
NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR
TEACHER EDUCATIONS **...RESPONDENT(S)**
WITH
WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO. 768 OF 2026
O R D E R

1. The present writ petitions under Article 32 of the Constitution of India have been filed by Banasthali Vidyapith and I.P. (P.G.) College, Campus-II, Bulandshahr, respectively. The petitioners seek, inter alia, modification of the recognition granted by the National Council for Teacher Education (hereinafter referred to as “NCTE”) for conducting the Integrated Teacher Education Programme (hereinafter referred to as “ITEP”), so as to make such recognition operative from the academic session 2026-27 instead of the academic session 2027-28. In Writ Petition (Civil) No. 768 of 2026, the petitioner has also sought a consequential direction to Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut (hereinafter referred to as “the CCS University”) to grant

affiliation for conducting the recognised ITEP courses from the academic session 2026-27.

2. Since the issues arising in the two writ petitions are connected and relate to the academic session from which the recognition granted by NCTE is to operate, they are being considered by this common order.
3. The factual and procedural background leading to the present writ petitions is as follows:

3.1. Pursuant to the public notices dated 15.03.2024 and 22.04.2024 issued by NCTE, applications were invited for grant of recognition for conducting ITEP from the academic session 2025-26. Both the petitioners submitted their respective applications in May 2024 and furnished the documents and compliances sought from them during the course of consideration of their applications.

3.2. The application submitted by Banasthali Vidyapith was considered by the Western Regional Committee of NCTE

(hereinafter referred to as “WRC”). After scrutiny of the application and inspection by the visiting team, a Letter of Intent was issued on 24.10.2025. The petitioner submitted its compliance on 22.12.2025. The application was thereafter refused by order dated 05.02.2026. The appeal preferred by the petitioner was allowed on 26.02.2026 and the matter was remanded to the WRC for reconsideration. Upon reconsideration, the WRC granted recognition by order dated 21.05.2026 for conducting four units of ITEP with a total intake of 200 students from the academic session 2027-28.

- 3.3. The application submitted by I.P. (P.G.) College, Campus-II, Bulandshahr was considered by the Northern Regional Committee of NCTE (hereinafter referred to as “NRC”). The application was initially refused by order dated 20.01.2025 on the ground that the petitioner did not satisfy the prescribed shortlisting criteria. The appeal preferred by the petitioner was allowed by order dated 16.09.2025 and the matter was remanded to the NRC for fresh consideration. Thereafter, the NRC undertook further scrutiny,

constituted a visiting team and issued a Letter of Intent on 26.02.2026. Upon submission of the requisite compliance, recognition was granted by order dated 20.05.2026 for conducting one unit each of B.Sc. B.Ed. and B.Com. B.Ed., with a total intake of 100 students, from the academic session 2027-28. Since the petitioner is affiliated to the CCS University, it has also sought grant of the requisite affiliation for conducting the aforesaid courses from the academic session 2026-27.

3.4. Thus, although the petitioners had applied for recognition for the academic session 2025-26, the recognition ultimately granted to them was made operative from the academic session 2027-28. The petitioners have, therefore, sought modification of the respective recognition orders so as to enable them to commence the recognised courses from the academic session 2026-27.

4. The present writ petitions seek modification of the respective recognition orders so as to make the recognition operative from the academic session 2026-27. In Writ Petition (Civil) No. 768 of

2026, consequential relief has also been sought against the CCS University for grant of the requisite affiliation for the said academic session. The counselling process for admission to ITEP for the academic session 2026-27 is yet to commence. The petitioners contend that, unless appropriate relief is granted at this stage, they would be unable to participate in the admission process and would lose the opportunity to commence the recognised courses during the academic session 2026-27.

5. The writ petitions were taken up on 15.06.2026, when notice was issued and NCTE was granted time to file its response. On 07.07.2026, a further period of one week was granted to NCTE to file its counter affidavits. NCTE has since filed its counter affidavits in both matters. We have heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioners and the learned counsel appearing for NCTE. We have also considered the material placed on record and the counter affidavits filed on behalf of NCTE.
6. It is not in dispute that the petitioners had submitted their respective applications in May 2024 for grant of recognition for the academic session 2025-26. After undertaking the process of

scrutiny, inspection and consideration of the compliances furnished by the petitioners, the concerned Regional Committees granted recognition in May 2026. The recognition was, however, made operative only from the academic session 2027-2028.

7. Admittedly, the deficiencies pointed out to the petitioner-institutions stand removed and the petitioners have fulfilled the applicable eligibility conditions. NCTE has already granted recognition to Banasthali Vidyapith by order dated 21.05.2026 and to I.P. (P.G.) College, Campus-II, Bulandshahr by order dated 20.05.2026, although such recognition has been made operative from the academic session 2027-28. The limited issue which, therefore, remains for consideration relates to the academic session from which such recognition should operate.
8. Having regard to the time taken in processing the applications and the fact that the counselling process for admission to ITEP for the academic session 2026-27 is yet to commence, the petitioners would lose an entire academic session if appropriate relief is not granted at this stage. Such an eventuality would

also defeat the relief sought in the present writ petitions. On the other hand, permitting the recognition to operate from the academic session 2026-27 would not dilute the regulatory requirements prescribed by NCTE. Insofar as I.P. (P.G.) College, Campus-II, Bulandshahr is concerned, the commencement of the recognised courses would additionally remain subject to the grant of the requisite affiliation by the CCS University and fulfilment of all other applicable requirements.

9. Considering that the petitioner-institutions have fulfilled the applicable eligibility conditions and have already been granted recognition, we are of the view that they ought to be provisionally permitted to participate in the counselling and admission process for ITEP for the academic session 2026-27. Such participation shall remain subject to fulfilment of the applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.
10. For the reasons stated above, the writ petitions are allowed in the following terms:

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- i) The National Council for Teacher Education shall issue a modified recognition order forthwith and in any case within week Vidyapith by order dated 21.05.2026 operative from the academic session 2026-27 and permitting the petitioner to admit students against the recognised intake.
- ii) Upon issuance of the modified recognition order, the petitioner shall be provisionally permitted to participate in the counselling and admission process for the academic session 2026-27, subject to compliance with the applicable norms and regulatory requirements.

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- i) The National Council for Teacher Education shall issue a modified recognition order forthwith and in any case within a week from today, making the recognition granted to I.P. (P.G.) College, Campus-II, Bulandshahr by order dated 20.05.2026 operative from the academic session 2026-27 and permitting the petitioner to admit students against the recognised intake.

- ii) The CCS University shall take all consequential steps and grant the requisite affiliation to the petitioner for conducting the recognised courses during the academic session 2026-27 immediately after modified recognition is issued and in any case within three days thereafter, subject to fulfilment of the applicable requirements.
 - iii) Upon issuance of the modified recognition order and the requisite affiliation, the petitioner shall be provisionally permitted to participate in the counselling and admission process for the academic session 2026-27 and admit students against the recognised intake.
11. Since the counselling process for admission to ITEP for the academic session 2026-27 is yet to commence, NCTE and the CCS University, wherever applicable, shall ensure that the petitioners are not excluded from the counselling and admission process merely on account of the academic session specified in the original recognition orders.
12. The writ petitions are accordingly allowed and disposed of in the above terms. Pending application(s), including I.A. No. 178906

of 2026 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 762 of 2026 and I.A. No. 179682 of 2026 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 768 of 2026, shall stand disposed of.

.....J.
[VIKRAM NATH]

.....J.
[SANDEEP MEHTA]

NEW DELHI;
JULY 14, 2026