

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM
PRESENT
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.NAGARESH**

**Thursday, the 22nd day of January 2026 / 2nd Magha, 1947
IA.NO.2/2026 IN WP(C) NO. 32982 OF 2025 (W)**

APPLICANTS/PETITIONERS:

1. PAMBA BOAT RACE CLUB, NEERATTUPURAM, THIRUVALLA, REG NO.274/2007, REPRESENTED BY ITS WORKING PRESIDENT, VICTOR T. THOMAS, AGED 61 YEARS, S/O. LATE THOMAS MATHEW, MULAMOOTTIL THUNDIATH HOUSE, KOZHENCHERRY. P.O., PATHANAMTHITTA DISTRICT, PIN - 689 641
2. PUNNOOSE JOSEPH, AGED 53 YEARS, S/O. IYPE JOSE, SECRETARY, PAMBA BOAT RACE CLUB, NEERATTUPURAM, THIRUVALLA, RESIDING AT VENGAL, PUTHENVEETIL HOUSE, AMICHAKARY. P.O., THIRUVALLA, PATHANAMTHITTA DISTRICT - 689 112

RESPONDENTS/RESPONDENTS:

1. STATE OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT WATER RESOURCES, (IR) DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695 001
2. EXECUTIVE ENGINEER KOLLAM IRRIGATION DIVISION, IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT, KOLLAM, PIN - 691 001
3. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, 2ND FLOOR, COLECTORATE PATHANAMTHITTA DISTRICT, PIN - 689 645
4. SUB COLLECTOR, CITY GOVERNMENT OFFICE, THIRUVALLA, PATHANAMTHITTA, PIN - 689 101
5. PAMBA BOAT RACE CLUB, REG NO.98/90 NEERETTUPURAM, NEDUMPRAM P.O, THIRUVALLA, PATHANAMTHITTA (REGISTARION NO.P98/90) REPRESENTED BY ITS WORKING PRESIDENT BABU VALIYAVEEDAN, AGED 58, VALIYAVEETIL HOUSE, NEERETTUPURAM P.O, TAHALAVADY VILLAGE, KUTTANADU TALUK, PIN-688 561
6. NEERATTUPURAM JALOLSAVA SAMITHI, REPRESENTED BY ITS CONVENER PRAKASH PANAVELIL, AGED 52, PANAVELIL HOUSE, THALAVADY P.O, THALAVADY VILLAGE, KUTTANADU TALUK, ALAPUZHA PIN-688 561
7. PRAKASH PANAVELI, AGED ABOUT 52, PANAVELIL HOUSE, PANAVAD P.O., THALAVADY VILLAGE, KUTTANADU TALUK, ALAPPUZHA DISTRICT - 688 561
8. BABU VALIYAVEEDAN, AGED 58 YEARS, VALIYAVEETIL HOUSE, NEERATTUPURAM P.O., THALAVADY VILLAGE, KUTTANADU TALUK - 688 561
9. REJI ABRAHAM, TAIKKADAVIL HOUSE KADAPRA P.O., THIRUVALLA TALUK - 689 101

Application praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith the High Court be pleased to direct the Respondents 2 to 4 to permit the Petitioners to conduct their Pamba Boat Race competition on 01.02.2026 in the interest of justice.

This Application coming on for orders upon perusing the application and the affidavit filed in support thereof, and this Court's order dated 11.12.2025 and upon hearing the arguments of M/S LIJU.V.STEPHEN, INDU SUSAN JACOB & TAJ K. TOM, Advocates for the Applicants in I.A/petitioners in WP(C), GOVERNMENT PLEADR for R1 to R4 in I.A./WP(C), M/S.JOSEPH GEORGE, P.A.REJIMON & VIVEKJOS PUTHUKULANGARA, Advocates for R5 & R8 in I.A./WP(C), the court passed the following:



N. NAGARESH, J.

I.A.No.2 of 2026
in
W.P.(C) No.32982 of 2025

Dated this the 22nd day of January, 2026

ORDER

Read interim order dated 11.12.2025.

2. It is submitted that though this Court directed the District Collector to grant permission to the petitioners to conduct the Boat Race at the specified location on 28.12.2025, the Boat Race could not be conducted on that date in view of agreement by the CBL with the boat owners. In the circumstances, the petitioners propose to conduct the Boat Race on 01.02.2026.

3. Government Pleader submits that the request can be considered.

4. In view of the afore facts, there will be an interim order directing the District Collector to grant permission to the petitioners to conduct the Boat Race at the specified location

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on 01.02.2026. The District Police Chief shall direct deployment of sufficient police personnel to maintain law and order during the conduct of the race. The expenses for such deployment shall be met by the petitioners.

Post the writ petition on 20.02.2026.

Sd/-
**N. NAGARESH
JUDGE**

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