

W.P(MD)No.18762 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 10.07.2025

CORAM:

**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.M.SUBRAMANIAM
AND
THE HONOURABLE DR.JUSTICE A.D.MARIA CLETE**

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Dr.A.K.Boominathan

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The Director of Collegiate Education,
Institute of Advanced Study in Education Campus,
577, Anna Salai, Saidapet,
Chennai – 600 015.
- 2.The Joint Director of Collegiate Education,
Madurai Region, Palam Station Road,
Madurai – 625 002,
Madurai District.
- 3.The Superintendent of Police,
Office of the Superintendent of Police,
Alagarkovil Road,
Madurai District.
- 4.The Inspector of Police,
Thirupalai Police Station,
Madurai District – 625 014.
- 5.Yadhavar Kalvi Nidhi,
A Registered Society, (Reg. No. 85/1962),
Rep. Through its Secretary,
R.V.N.Kannan,
Govindarajan Campus,
Tirupalai, Madurai – 625 014.

... Respondents



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PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct respondents 1 to 4 to direct the 5th respondent to conduct the “Alagumuthu Kone Jayanthi” on 11.07.2025 without disturbing the peace and harmony of the students and also without affixing any posters, banners and events promoting any individual within the premises of the 5th respondent college by considering the representation dated 21.06.2025 made by the petitioner within a time frame as may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner	:	Ms.P.Jessi Jeeva Priya
For RR1 & 2	:	Mr.P.Thilakkumar Government Pleader
For RR3 & 4	:	Mr.T.Senthilkumar Additional Public Prosecutor
For R5	:	Mr.E.V.N.Siva

ORDER

[Order of the Court was made by S.M.SUBRAMANIAM, J.]

The writ on hand has been instituted to direct respondents 1 to 4 to direct the fifth respondent to conduct the “Alagumuthu Kone Jayanthi” on 11.07.2025 without disturbing the peace and harmony of the students and also without affixing any posters, banners and events promoting any individual within the premises of the fifth respondent-College.



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2. It is brought to the notice of this Court that the fifth respondent-College is an Arts and Science College aided by the Government of Tamil Nadu. Students from various classes are studying in the college and the college was being originally developed by a registered society viz., Yadhavar Kalvi Nidhi. A statue of Alagumuthu Kone is installed inside the premises of the college.

3. Ms.P.Jessi Jeeva Priya, learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the students of the fifth respondent-College are being compelled by the College Administration to participate in Alagumuthu Kone Jayanthi. She would further submit that last year, the students were forced to wear banians in the name of “K.P.S. Ani” (K.P.S. Group). Since the rights of the students are infringed, the present writ petition came to be filed, in order to protect the freedom and right of the students to take a decision themselves and to participate in Alagumuthu Kone Jayanthi.

4. No College Administration can compel the students of the College to participate in any religious, communal or other activities, which are not approved by the Education Department of the Government of Tamil Nadu.

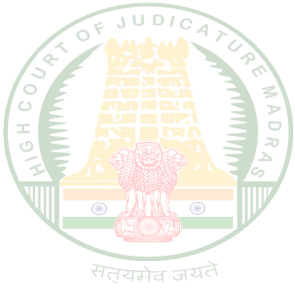


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5. The learned counsel for the fifth respondent-College

submitted a copy of the circular issued by the Principal-in-charge, Yadava College, Madurai stating that “11.07.2025 is declared as holiday on account of freedom fighter Veeran Alagumuthu Kone's birthday celebration”.

6. Declaring a particular day as a holiday is one aspect of the matter, but no student should be compelled to participate directly or indirectly in the celebrations. It is absolutely the choice of the students to participate and there cannot be any compulsion in any form and in the event of any such force or compulsion directly or indirectly, the Director of Collegiate Education/the first respondent is empowered to initiate all appropriate actions to cancel the aid being granted to the college. Granting aid is to be given only to the college, which follows the law in force and the constitution, which protect the rights of the students to participate in a function of this nature. In the college premises, no posters indicating communal name or any group's name is to be affixed and the police authorities concerned shall ensure that no such posters or banners are affixed. In the event of affixture of such posters, actions are to be initiated by both the Police Department and the Education Department of the Government of Tamil Nadu.



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7. With the above observations and directions, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

J.]

[S.M.S., J.]

[A.D.M.C.,

10.07.2025

Note: Issue order copy by 10.07.2025

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