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HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA,
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SL. NOS.	CASE NOS. AND PARTIES' NAMES	DATE OF DECISION	SUBJECT	IF REPORTED, CITATION, IF ANY
1.	W.A.NO.267OF 2017 (L-RES) [®] THE GENERAL MANAGER VS. H.C.JAYAPRAKASH	19.02.2020	<i>Earned Leave Not A Consequential Benefit: Reinstated Employee Denied Leave Encashment Despite Back Wages Award.</i>	ILR2020KAR 1783 [®]
2.	CRL.A. NO.100226 OF 2015 [®] SHRI.SUBHAS S/O CHANNABASAPPA GAJER VS. STATE OF KARNATAKA	11.03.2020 (DWD)	<i>Conviction upheld in child poisoning murder case despite hostile witnesses.</i>	ILR2020KAR 2586 [®]
3.	W.P.NO.8481 OF 2020 (GM-TEN) [®] NSL SUGARS LIMITED VS. STATE OF KARNATAKA AND OTHERS	28.07.2020	<i>No Bias, No Relief: Court Clears Lease Award to Successful Bidder.</i>	AIR2021KAR12 (IMP)
4.	W.P.NO.8972 OF 2020 (KLR-LG) [®] MRS.G.CHITRA POORNIMA AND OTHERS VS. STATE OF KARNATAKA AND OTHERS	10.09.2020	<i>Justice Delayed, Action Denied: 45-Year-Old Land Notice Quashed.</i>	AIRONLINE2020 KAR1891 (IMP)
5.	C.R.P.NO.431 OF 2014 SRI.H.P.CHIKKARAMA REDDY AND ANOTHER VS. SMT.KANTHAMMA ANDOTHERS	14.09.2020	<i>Karnataka High Court Upholds Trial Court: Daughter's Coparcenary Claim Requires Trial Despite Pre-2005 Partition & Sale Challenge.</i>	ILR2021KAR613 [®]
6.	W.P.NO.10824 OF 2009 (LA-BDA) [®] SAVITHRAMMA AND OTHERS VS. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA AND OTHERS	05.10.2020	<i>BDA Acquisition Set Aside As Scheme Lapsed After 23-Year Delay In Taking Possession And Failure To Implement Layout.</i>	2021(1) KAR.L.J.305

7.	M.F.A.NO.101373/2019	08.10.2020 (DWD)	<i>In absence of proof of income, courts must determine reasonable notional income and re-calculate compensation using Pranay Sethi Principle.</i>	(IMP)
8.	W.A.NO.100034/2015	10.11.2020 (DWD)	<i>Court rules non-graduate superintendent eligible for promotion as Assistant Registrar; quashes university's recall order and Restores appointment.</i>	®
9.	M.F.A.NO.103546/2019	11.11.2020 (DWD)	<i>Adult legal representatives are entitled to file a claim, but compensation for loss of dependency requires proof of actual financial dependence on the deceased.</i>	®
10.	M.F.A.NO.102566/2018	13.11.2020 (DWD)	<i>In motor accident injury cases, courts must consider notional income guidelines and grant future prospectus when permanent disability affects earning capacity.</i>	®
11.	W.P.NO.117767 OF 2019 (S-KAT)C/W W.P.NO.103279 OF 2018 ® NAGARAJVS.THE COMMISSIONERAND OTHERS	13.11.2020 (DWD)	<i>Meritorious reserved candidate must be placed in general category; court quashes wrong appointment and denies supernumerary post relief.</i>	2021(1) KAR.L.J.637(DB) ILR2021KAR 1041 ®
12.	M.F.A.NO.102268/2019	13.11.2020 (DWD)	<i>A 17 year old accident victim cannot be treated as a non-earning child. Courts must apply notional income and multiplier principles To Determine compensation.</i>	®
13.	C.R.P.NO.100028 OF 2015 SHRI.NINGAPPA S/O DATTATRAYAA KOLKAR AND OTHERS VS. SRI RAMACHANDRA	18.12.2020 (DWD)	<i>Appeal Against Probate Order Maintainable Before Senior Civil Judge; Revision Petition Dismissed.</i>	2021(2) KAR.L.J.47 5 ®

14.	M.F.A.NO.101613 OF 2017 ® SMT.KAMALAVVA AND OTHERS VS. NAGESH AND ANOTHER	08.01.2021 (DWD)	<i>Split multiplier held impermissible; compensation enhanced by applying uniform multiplier with future prospects under Sarla Verma and Pranay Sethi.</i>	MANU/KA/1645/2021 ®
15.	W.P.NO.114543/2015	08.01.2021 (DWD)	<i>Honourable Acquittal Prevails: Departmental Action Cannot Survive on Identical Evidence</i>	NO
16.	CRL.A.NO.100247 OF 2018 C/W CRL.A.NOS.100240 100261, 100291 & 100296 OF 2018 ® ASHOK @ MADIWALAPPA AND OTHERS VS. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA	20.04.2021 (DWD)	<i>Acquittal recorded as prosecution failed to complete chain of circumstantial evidence; last seen theory and Section 106 Evidence Act insufficient without corroboration.</i>	ILR2021KAR 4241 ®
17.	M.F.A.NO.72/2016	12.05.2021	<i>Courts Cannot Re-Appreciate Evidence Under Section 34; Excessive Arbitral Interes Can Be Reduced.</i>	(IMP)
18.	R.F.A.NO.1794/2007	12.05.2021	<i>Oral Partition Upheld: Long-Acted Family Arrangement Bars Fresh Partition Suit</i>	(IMP)
19.	R.F.A.NO.1397/2019 ®	16.07.2021	<i>Civil Court Jurisdiction Not Barred Under SARFAESI in Fraud-Based Property Dispute; Plaint Rejection Set Aside.</i>	ILR2022KAR 2095 (2021)SKANTLJ 354 ®
20.	M.F.A.NO.1664/2021 C/W MFA 1761/2021 & MFA 1765/2021 (IMP)	30.08.2021	<i>Court Protects 'Head Start' Trademark; Injunction Restored Against Deceptively Similar Domain Names.</i>	(IMP)
21.	W.P.NO.201004/2018 (LB-RES) ®	18.11.2021 (KAL)	<i>Courts Will Not Interfere with Administrative Discretion Unless It Is Arbitrary, Unreasoned, or Violates Statutory Procedure</i>	ILR2022KAR941 ®

22.	W.P.NO.200826/2019 (GM-KSR)®	01.12.2021 (KAL)	<i>Registrar Must Act on Prima Facie Material or Statutory Threshold; Vague Allegations Alone Cannot Trigger Enquiry”</i>	ILR2022KAR427 ®
23.	W.P.NO.202550/2021®	22.12.2021 (KAL)	<i>Courts Should Not Interfere in Ongoing Election Process; Disputes Like Rejection of Nomination Must Be Raised Through Election Petition</i>	ILR2022KAR 1178 ®
24.	W.P.NO.9438/2022& CONNECTED MATTERS ®	11.08.2022	<i>Legislative Committee Can Inspect Nursing Colleges; Writ Petitions Dismissed with Safeguards Against Misuse</i>	ILR2023KAR 4241 ®
25.	W.P.NO.101735/2022	17.08.2022 (DWD)	<i>Order Superseding Elected Society Body Under Section 27A of Karnataka Societies Registration Act Set Aside for Absence of Recorded Reasons.</i>	(IMP)
26.	W.P.NO.101731/2022 (CS-RES)®	03.09.2022 (DWD)	<i>Permission for new Co-operative Society upheld; overlapping of existing societies under Rule 3-B is only a viability factor and existing society has no enforceable right to object.</i>	2019(2) KAR.L.J.49. ®
27.	W.P.NO.101248/2022®	13.09.2022 (DWD)	<i>State SC/ST Commission has no power to direct withholding of grants; interim order beyond statutory functions under Section 8 of the Act and quashed for lack of jurisdiction.</i>	®
28.	W.P.NO.145107/2020 (Excise) and connected matters (T-Tar and T-Res) ®	21.09.2022 (DWD)	<i>Levy of excise duty and NCCD on tobacco under CGST regime upheld; NCCD held to be an independent surcharge not affected by GST repeal or Exemption of excise duty.</i>	®
29.	C.R.P.NO. 427/2022	18.10.2022	<i>Adoption Allowed Despite Attainment of Majority; Inter-Country Adoption Proceedings Commenced During Minority Protected Under Juvenile Justice Act.</i>	(IMP)
30.	CRL.P.NO.2129/2019	19.10.2022	<i>“Proceedings Under Section 138 NI Act Quashed Against</i>	(IMP)

			<i>Non-Signatory Accused; Cheque Liability Cannot Be Fastened Without Signature Or Section 141 Ingredients”</i>	
31.	C.R.P.NO.183/2021	08.11.2022	<i>Suit for Declaration of Forged Sale Deed Dismissed as Barred by Limitation; Order Under Order VII Rule 11 CPC Allowed in Revision.</i>	(IMP)
32.	CRL.P.NO. 1145/2018	09.11.2022 (DWD)	<i>Proceedings Under Section 138 NI Act Quashed Against Non-Signatories; Liability Under Cheque Dishonour Limited to Drawer Alone</i>	(IMP)
33.	R.F.A.NO.106/2015	10.11.2022	<i>Famous Name, No Confusion: Court Clears “VOGUE” Use by Fashion Institute.</i>	(IMP)
34.	C.R.P.NO.62/2019®	10.11.2022	<i>Plaint Rejected Under Order VII Rule 11 CPC for Failure to Produce Mandatory Authorization Under Section 15 of Karnataka Societies Registration Act; Trial Court Order Set Aside in Revision Petition.</i>	ILR2023KAR 2061
35.	C.R.P.NO.279/2020	18.11.2022	<i>No Waqf Bar: Civil Court Retains Power in Property Encroachment Case.</i>	(IMP)
36.	CRL.P.NO.6040/2016	18.11.2022	<i>Mere Presence Not a Crime: Court Drops Charges in Tippu Jayanthi Case.</i>	(IMP)
37.	C.R.P.NO.545/2022®	13.12.2022	<i>Intellectual Property Injunction Suit: Jurisdiction Must Be Decided On “Specified Value” (Market Value Of Rights) Under Commercial Courts Act, Not Court-Fee Valuation; Trial Court Order Set Aside And Matter Remitted For Fresh Determination.</i>	ILR2023KAR 2921
38.	W.P.NO.100208/2023	17.03.2023 (DWD)	<i>Recognition of “Protected Workmen” under Industrial</i>	®

			<i>Disputes Act—pending disciplinary proceedings alone not sufficient to deny status; only serious misconduct/criminal allegations can justify refusal; partial interference with Labour Authority's order</i>	
39.	W.P.NO.101517/2023®	21.03.2023 (DWD)	<i>Confiscation under Section 130 CGST set aside; “opportunity of being heard” under Section 130(4) requires personal hearing, not mere written reply—violation of natural justice; matter remanded.</i>	ILR2023KAR 3978
40.	W.P.NO.100960/2023	10.04.2023 (DWD)	<i>Court Cancels Civil Imprisonment Order, Warns Petitioners to Follow Decree.</i>	(IMP)
41.	W.P.NO.102307/2023®	21.04.2023 (DWD)	<i>No-confidence motion against Co-operative Society President upheld; Rule 14-AKK procedure does not require supply of motion details or signatures to the President and no violation of natural justice when statutory notice of Meeting is given.</i>	ILR2024KAR119
42.	M.F.A.NO.6752/2019®	07.08.2023	<i>non-dependant legal heirs entitled only to “loss of estate” (not loss of dependency); compensation reassessed using notional income and 15% savings principle; award enhanced accordingly.</i>	®
43.	W.P.NO.104062/2022& ConnectedMatters ®	22.11.2023 (DWD)	<i>In case of Conflict, Govt order issued u/s162 prevails over departmental circular.</i>	
44.	W.P.NO.102613/2015®	08.12.2023 (DWD)	<i>Restriction on multiple allotments in market yard upheld; conversion of leave-and-license shop into lease-cum-sale is treated as fresh allotment and barred under Rule 7(2) if allottee already Possesses another shop.</i>	®
45.	W.P.NO.105880/2023	11.12.2023 (DWD)	<i>Writ Petition Dismissed: Court Upholds Forfeiture of Earnest Money Deposit,</i>	(IMP)

			<i>Directs Petitioner to Seek Remedy Before Civil Court in Contractual Dispute.</i>	
46.	W.P.NO.26117/2022®	17.01.2024	<i>preliminary acquisition notification under KIADB act quashed for inordinate 14-year delay in issuing final notification; proceedings held lapsed for failure to act within reasonable time.</i>	®
47.	C.R.P.NO.342/2023®	31.01.2024	<i>Decree Passed Against Dead Person is Nullity and Unenforceable in Execution Proceedings.</i>	®
48.	W.P.NO. 677/2022	14.02.2024	<i>Landowner Cannot Be Compelled to Surrender Land Without Compensation for Road Widening Outside Layout Under Section 32(5) Of KUDA Act.</i>	®
49.	C.R.P.NO.461/2019®	15.02.2024	<i>Refundable Security Deposit Cannot Be Included in Suit Valuation for Eviction; Jurisdiction Lies with Junior Civil Court.</i>	®
50.	W.P.NO.66982/2011®	04.03.2024 (DWD)	<i>“High Court cannot reappreciate facts or act as appellate authority over final statutory appeal under Section 70 of Chit Funds Act; writ jurisdiction under Article 226 limited to jurisdictional error or violation of natural justice.”</i>	®
51	W.P.NO.107840/2023	06.03.2024 (DWD)	<i>Premature Transfer Quashed: Court Restores Officer’s Posting, Slams Absence of Reasons and Upholds Transfer Guidelines</i>	(IMP)

52	W.A.NO.100060/2024 (MIAJ&UMAJ)	13.03.2024 (DWD)	<i>Courts won't interfere with tender outcomes lightly, but will step in to correct unfair or arbitrary processes in public interest. Writ Appeal Disposed with Directions: State to Complete Fresh Tender Process Transparently; Scuba Diving Activities Halted Till Finalization</i>	(IMP)
53	I.T.A.NO.100005/2020 [®]	20.03.2024 (DWD)	<i>Cash payment deduction u/s 40A(3) requires proof of exceptional circumstances under rule 6DD of IT Rules 1962.</i>	[®]
54	W.A.NO.100566/2023 C/W. W.A.100567/2023 (MIAJ&UMAJ) [®]	20.03.2024	<i>Courts cannot re-evaluate tender qualifications under article 226</i>	[®]
55.	W.P.NO.100881/2024 [®]	26.03.2024 (DWD)	<i>Specific recruitment rules prescribing MBBS qualification for Taluk Health Officer prevail over general statutory definition of "Medical Officer"; dentist (BDS) not eligible—erroneous appointment can be recalled.</i>	[®]
56	W.P.NO.102900/2016 [®]	19.04.2024 (DWD)	<i>"Caste certificate cancellation without recording reasons for rejecting documentary evidence set aside; matter remitted for fresh enquiry — reasoned order is mandatory in quasi-judicial determination of caste status under Article 341 notifications."</i>	[®]
57	E.P.NO.15/2023	25.04.2024	<i>ZAMEER AHMED KHAN VS. STATE. Courts Reinforce Rule of Law by Setting Aside Arbitrary Actions, Upholding Procedural Fairness, and Directing Parties to Proper Legal Remedies."</i>	(IMP)
58	W.P.NO.3939/2023 [®]	26.06.2024	<i>Disputes Arising from Lease of Property Intended and Contracted for Exclusive Commercial Use Qualify as 'Commercial Disputes' Despite Non-Commencement Of Actual Use Due to Alleged Breach.</i>	[®]

59	W.P.NO.8550/2024®	05.07.2024	<i>PLAINT TO BE PRESENTED BEFORE THE APPROPRIATE COURT. Defendant Entitled to Seek Return of Plaint Under Order VII Rule 10 CPC; Absence of Clear Pleadings on Cause of Action Warrants Return for Want of Territorial Jurisdiction.</i>	®
60	W.P.NO.10888/2023	11.07.2024	<i>Change of Land Use in Approved Layouts Cannot Be Granted Contrary to Sanctioned Plan, Upholding Planning Discipline and Supreme Court Mandate.</i>	(IMP)
61.	W.P.NO.18331/2024®	22.07.2024	<i>Non-Filing of Statement of Truth Under Order VI Rule 15A CPC Is a Curable Defect; Courts Should Permit Rectification to Avoid Denial of Defence Where No Prejudice or Delay Is Caused</i>	®
62	W.P.NO.25040/2023®	05.11.2024	<i>Rule 9 of Karnataka Land Grant Rules, 1969. Statutory Permission to Mortgage Granted Land Implies Right to Enforce Security; Non-Alienation Clause Cannot Defeat Mortgagee's Right to Sale on Default.</i>	®
63	W.P.NO.29448/2024®	21.11.2024	<i>N. Muniraju V. State of Karnataka State Must Conduct Phodi, Durasti, and Hudbast to Demarcate Land Before Utilisation; Failure to Survey Cannot Prejudice Private Holders or Enable Eviction.</i>	®
64	W.P.NO.18305/2023	28.11.2024	<i>GST SCN invalid if based on investigation by improper officer; proceedings void ab initio.</i>	®

65	W.P.NO.21451/2023	09.12.2024	<i>Section 11(7) of the "Right to fair compensation and transparency in land acquisition, rehabilitation and resettlement Act, 2013 "Delay in Land Acquisition Need Not Vitiating Proceedings; Courts May Balance Equity by Adjusting Compensation Date While Upholding Acquisition For Public Purpose.</i>	®
66	W.P.NO.3773/2024	03.11.2025	<i>Burden of proof for plea of insanity under sec 84 of IPC lies on the accused.</i>	®
67	W.P.NO.201685/2025	26.06.2025 (KLB)	<i>Karnataka HC Directs Authorities to Review Muharram Festivities in Yadgiri Village Amid Caste Conflict, Rules Against Forced Participation. Human identity must prevail over Communal labels.</i>	No
68	W.P.NO.203267/2024	17.07.2025 (KLB)	<i>Honorary post of Anganwadi worker. "Reservation Policy is a Matter of State Discretion; Courts Interfere Only When It Violates Constitutional or Statutory Mandates.</i>	®
69	CRL.P.NO.7110/2025	18.08.2025	<i>Karnataka HC Reiterates 'Preponderance of Probabilities' Standard for Bail Cancellation, Revokes Bail Over Witness Tampering Concerns"</i>	(IMP)
70	W.P.NO.201536/2024	24.09.2025 (KLB)	<i>Civil Courts Act and Karnataka High Court Amendment Act. Karnataka Court Upholds Civil Courts and High Court Amendments but Strikes Down Arbitrary Retrospective Effect Affecting Appeal Jurisdiction</i>	®

71	W.P.NO.26754/2025	15.10.2025	<i>PMLA (K.C. Veerendra's case) For proceedings under PMLA existence of a predicate scheduled offence and recorded reason to believe, based on material is sufficient to justify ECIR registration and arrest.</i>	®
72	CRL.P.NO.4932/2024	19.11.2025	<i>H.D.Revanna V/s.State of Karnataka Delay Bars Cognizance? High Court Partly Allows Plea, Sets Aside Section 354 Charge and Orders Fresh Consideration Under Section 354A IPC.</i>	(IMP)
73	CRL.P.NO.13296/2025	30.10.2025	<i>Karnataka HC Restores Bail of Accused, Holds Mere Allegations Without Proof Insufficient for Cancellation.</i>	(IMP)
74	W.P.NO.15281/2024	30.10.2025	<i>"Karnataka HC Clarifies Cheating and Breach of Trust Not Mutually Exclusive Across Separate Transactions, Refuses to Quash Charges.</i>	(IMP)
75	W.P.NO.11201/2025 C/W W.P.6347/2025	05.12.2025	<i>Karnataka High Court Upholds Premium FAR Scheme, Rules It Does Not Violate TDR Holders' Property Rights Despite Potential Market Impact.</i>	(IMP)
76	CRL.P.NO.6826/2022	07.11.2025	<i>High Court Reaffirms: In Exceptional Circumstances, Even Heinous Non- Compoundable Offences May Be Quashed to Prevent Abuse of Process and Secure Ends of Justice.</i>	(IMP)
77	CRL.P.NO.4799/2024 C/W CrI.P.5231/2024 and CrI.P.5657/2024	07.11.2025	<i>Maintainability of criminal case under Section 138 of N.I. Act, 1881.</i>	®
78	CRL.NO.P4086/2019 C/wcrI.p3273/2019	10.11.2025	<i>Demand notice u/s 138 of NI Act must require payment to the payee-Demand to third party is invalid.</i>	®
79	CRL.P.NO.6693/2021®	21.11.2025	<i>Bribery offence is complete on demand and acceptance of illegal gratification, irrespective of whether the official work was done earlier or not u/s 7 of the Prevention of corruption act.</i>	®

80	W.P.NO.4429/2020 ®	24.11.2025	<i>CBI cannot investigate offences in a state without state govt consent under the Dehli special force Establishment Act.</i>	®
81	CRL.NO.P156/2023	01.12.2025	<i>When disputed sign on cheque u/s 138 of NI Act, trail court cannot conclusively compare of signature on its own-except opinion required when authenticity of signature is central issue u/s 45 of evidence act.</i>	®
82	CRL.P.NO.11571/2025 C/W CRL.P.NO.11573/2025	02.12.2025	<i>Karnataka High Court: Tender Irregularities Without Mens Rea Do Not Constitute Criminal Offence; Prior Sanction Safeguards for Public Servants Reaffirmed.</i>	®
83	R.F.A.NO. 377/2018	27.05.2025	<i>Burden of Proof on Plaintiffs: Registered Sale Deed Presumed Valid; Fraud Not Proved,Appeal Allowed.</i>	(IMP)

01.01.2026 ONWARDS

84	M.F.A.NO.100086/2024 & CONNECTED MATTERS	24.02.2026 (DWD)	<i>Arbitral award passed by authority without jurisdiction is a functus officio.</i>	®
85	W.P.NO.10181 OF 2026	16.04.2026	<i>Secularism Does Not Exclude Dharmic and Cultural Activities – Court Intervenes</i>	(IMP)