

### **Registrar (J) (Budget)**

May kindly see the online application of Sri Siddi Jai Prakash, Nyayadhikari, Gram Nyayalaya, Bhatpar-Rani, Deoria regarding grant of permission to do/ pursue part-time Ph.D. in Law from at O.P. Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University, commencing from the Spring Semester, i.e January 2025..

In his application, Sri Siddi Jai Prakash has stated that he wishes to pursue a part-time Ph.D. program at O.P. Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University, commencing from the Spring Semester, i.e January 2025. He has also stated that the program is approved by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and would be conducted in a hybrid format, with online classes four days a week for Part time Ph.D. students and a 7-day mandatory residency program per year for the first two years which have also confirmed by the officer with the University that:

- Online classes are available, with a schedule of 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM, four days a week.
- No specific requirements or restrictions apply to online students, except for maintaining 75% attendance.
- Course materials and library access will be available online.
- The 7-day residency program in the first two years course work will likely be conducted in June (for the Spring semester), which he plans to complete during his summer vacation, ensuring no conflict with his judicial duties.

He has also assured that his judicial duties would not be affected by pursuing this part-time Ph.D. and he would maintain workload and meet all his responsibilities. He has also added that he do not require any study leave for this course, as it is designed to accommodate working professionals and this academic pursuit would enhance his knowledge and skills, benefiting his judicial duties and also expand his expertise and help him serve the Court more effectively. He has further stated that the last date to apply for this Part time Ph.D program is 15 November 2024 for Spring Semester. Thereafter, as the officer has stated that this course is to be done through online mode and in the attachment it is mentioned to be done through hybrid mode, thus the officer be asked again to clarify the same and also be asked to submit his declaration that he can complete the course without attending day to day physical class. In reply, the officer has clarified that O.P. Jindal Global University has two Ph.D programs - Full-time Ph.D and Part-time Ph.D. but the classes for both are held at the same time in a hybrid format (or blended learning method). It means that the Full-time Ph.D students are required to attend classes physically, whereas the Part-time Ph.D students; like the officer would be required to attend classes online only. He has also added that these classes are scheduled from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM, four days a week, which he can attend online without any conflict with judicial duties. Regarding the academic session, the part-time Ph.D. program commences from the Spring Semester, i.e., 1st February 2025, and the academic session is divided into two semesters, with the first semester concluding in July 2025. He has also stated that he has confirmed with the University that he is not required to attend any day-to-day classes, except for a 7-day mandatory residency program per year for the first two years, which the officer plans to complete during her summer vacation, ensuring no conflict with his judicial duties. He has also declared that he can pursue and complete the part-time Ph.D. program without attending day-to-day classes, except for the one-week compulsory residential program during the summer vacation for the first two years and also attached the declaration, which can be seen as attachment. He has also assured the Hon'ble Court that his judicial duties will not be affected by pursuing this part-time Ph.D. program. He has, therefore requested to place this application before the Hon'ble High Court for grant of permission to apply and pursue the part-time PhD program and issuance of "No Objection Certificate" as per the university guidelines.

In this connection, it is stated that Sri Siddi Jai Prakash has joined the U.P Nyayik Sewa on 19.11.2019. There is circular letter dated 04.11.11, which provides that if any Judicial Officer during the course of his service, requests to pursue higher studies, he has to apply for grant of 'study leave' as per rules which will be subject to the discretion of Hon'ble The Chief Justice. In the instant case, the officer has stated that he would not take study leave for doing the aforesaid part time Ph.D. course. He has also stated that the classes would be held online with a schedule of 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM, four days a week for the part time Ph.D. candidates and added that he has confirmed with the University that he is not required to attend any day-to-day classes, except for a 7-day mandatory residency program per year for the first two years, which the officer plans to complete during his summer vacation, ensuring no conflict with his judicial duties. Now, It is on the discretion of the Hon'ble High Court either to issue him 'No Objection Certificate' and grant permission to do/ pursue the part-time Ph.D. in law from O.P. Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University or to pass any such order which deems to be proper. It

is also submitted that a Judicial Officer can be accorded permission to attend academic classes and specialized higher studies in terms of G.O. No.24/1066-Appointment (B) dated 21.08.1967, subject to the following conditions:-

1. Government work should not suffer in any way.
2. The academic classes, if any are held outside office hours.
3. No preferential treatment will be given in the matter of leave postings and transfer.
4. The permission can be withdrawn without notice if; it is found at any time that the government servant neglects his normal work or that public work suffers, in any way.

Recently, vide order dated 01.07.2024 relating to re-constitution of Committees, Hon'ble The Chief Justice has been pleased to change the single Judge Committee appearing at sl. no. 65 of the list of Committees dated 01.07.2024 and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anjani Kumar Mishra is nominated in the said Committee, to deal with the matters relating to grant of permission to Judicial Officers to pursue academic course.

May, therefore, if approved, the file may be laid before single Judge Committee of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anjani Kumar Mishra, as per order dated 01.07.2024 of Hon'ble The Chief Justice relating to re-constitution of Committees, for His Lordship's kind perusal and if His Lordship approves:-

(a) Sri Siddi Jai Prakash, Nyayadhikari, Gram Nyayalaya, Bhatpar- Rani, Deoria, may be issued 'No Objection Certificate' under the signature of Registrar (Judicial) (Budget) and may be granted permission to do/ pursue part time Ph.D. course in law from O.P. Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University, starting from Spring Semester, i.e January 2025 with exemption of the requirement to take study leave for the same without entering into the fact whether the University is recognised by UGC or not and without reserving any future claim of the Officer regarding his qualification if the University is not recognised, subject to the conditions mentioned above.

Or

(b) to pass any other order which His Lordship deem fit and proper .

Archana Awasthi, Review Officer  
Munmun Narang, Section Officer  
Meetu Verma, Assistant Registrar  
Admin A-IV

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anjani Kumar Mishra,**

**Nominated Judge**

Submitted for kind perusal & order

Registrar (Judicial) (Budget)