

## HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

**ROC.No.1122/SO/2025**

**Date: 18.05.2026**

### **CIRCULAR NO.06 /2026**

**Sub:** High Court of Andhra Pradesh – Order dt. 09.03.2026 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 1112 of 2025 of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, directed to fix timeline(s) for the trial Courts regarding trials in acid attack cases – Minutes of the Committee meeting of Hon'ble Judges for "Ensuring the Implementation of the Decisions of the Apex Court" held on 29.04.2026 and 05.05.2026 – Timelines fixed for disposal of acid attack cases – Communicated for strict compliance-- Reg.

**Ref:** Minutes of the Committee meeting of Hon'ble Judges for "Ensuring the Implementation of the Decisions of the Apex Court" held on 29.04.2026.

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The attention of all the Unit Heads in Andhra Pradesh, is invited to the Order dt. 09.03.2026 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 1112 of 2025 of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, wherein all the High Courts were directed to fix timelines for the trial Courts regarding trial of acid attack cases and also propose the Hon'ble Portfolio/Administrative Judges to monitor the compliance of the Circular(s) issued by the High Court(s) in this regard.

The Hon'ble Committee for "Ensuring the Implementation of the Decisions of the Apex Court" in the meetings held on 29.04.2026 and 05.05.2026 fixed the following timelines for disposal of acid attack cases as under:

- (i) The police shall complete the investigation and file charge-sheet in acid attack cases, expeditiously, within two (02) months from the date on which the information was recorded by the officer-in-charge of the police station;

- (ii) The acid attack cases shall be concluded within six (06) months from the date of filling of charge sheet.
- (iii) The trial Court shall frame the charges within a month from the date of filling of charge sheet.
- (iv) The trial shall be concluded within three (03) months from the date of framing of charges.
- (v) The case, thereafter, shall be posted for arguments of the prosecution/defence Counsels and arguments shall be concluded as soon as possible, preferably within a month.
- (vi) Thereafter, the judgement shall be pronounced within remaining period of six months.

Therefore, all the Unit Heads in Andhra Pradesh are hereby directed to communicate the above timelines fixed among all the Judicial Officers working on Criminal side in their respective districts for disposal of the acid attack cases and ensure that the cases relating to acid attacks are disposed off within six months.

All the Judicial Officers shall adhere to the above instructions scrupulously. Any deviation or non-compliance in this regard shall be viewed seriously.

  
**REGISTRAR (JUDICIAL)**  
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To

1. All the Registrars in the High Court of Andhra Pradesh.
2. All the Unit Heads in the State of Andhra Pradesh (with a request to circulate the same to all the Judicial Officers in their respective units).
3. All the Presiding Officers of Labour Courts/Tribunals in Andhra Pradesh.
4. The Registrar (IT cum CPC), High Court of Andhra Pradesh (with a request to place the circular in the official website of the High Court).
5. The Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, Guntur District, with a request to cause communication of this circular among all the Investigating Officers in Andhra Pradesh, for strict compliance.