

BOWRING INSTITUTE

6 June 2026

Dear Fellow Members,

**Sub: Last Minute attempt to scuttle the AGM dated 5 June 2026
and Elections to the Managing Committee dated 7 June 2026**

As directed by the Managing Committee, it is necessary to inform all our Hon'ble Members that four contestants, namely Dr. Arjun Sampath Kumar, Mr. Devanandan Ramanna, Mr. Chinnappa Gowda B. and Mr. Naveen T.V., representing '**Restore Club Bowring**' (RCB), without giving prior Notice to the office of the Institute, approached the Hon'ble High Court vide **WP 16057/2026**, seeking an early hearing where this case was listed on 5 June 2026, on the same day of the Institute's Annual General Body Meeting (AGM). This case came up for hearing at 4.00 p.m. on even date. Fortunately, this case was timely brought to the attention of the office of the Institute where it was necessary to take immediate action to defend the same. We instructed our legal Counsel to appear and argue this matter. Their prayer was to quash the Notice dated 11 April 2026, summoning the AGM, Calendar of Events, appointing an Administrator and bring a stay of the AGM to be held on 5 June 2026 (**refer to extract of the Hon'ble High Court Order, Prayer G & B**). The Counsel for the Petitioners briefly argued, seeking a stay which was vehemently opposed by our legal Counsel. The Hon'ble High Court directed the Petitioners to issue a Notice to Bowring Institute and adjourned the matter to next week. In essence, the Hon'ble High Court indicated that they were reluctant to interfere with the forthcoming schedule of events at this stage.

The four contestants, part of the team to restore the Club have distributed pamphlets through their Website, Social Media, etc., appealing to Members to seek a change with a promise of transparent administration, accountability and offering various SOPs.

These Contestants and their team are long standing Members of the Institute, well aware of the Notice dated 11 April 2026 which included the Agenda and Calendar of Events, filed their nominations for the ensuing Institute Elections and where the nominations were duly scrutinised and approved in accordance with the Rules of the Institute. These Members are also well aware of the costs involved to conduct an AGM which includes the printing and dispatching through India Post of the Annual Report to all 6816 voting Members, Works Order already issued to the Vendor for EVM, suitable arrangements made for Members at the venue, High-Tea, Security and Institute employees and staff which collectively amounts to tens of lakhs. The irony is that the same Members who have nominated themselves to be elected to serve in the Managing Committee of this Institute were ready to scuttle the AGM and Elections, bring it to a grinding halt and were certainly not concerned about the Institute's money being wasted due to their nonchalant actions.

I need to inform you that the same contestants along with few other contestants had already petitioned the Registrar of Societies pleading for an Administrator to be appointed to run the affairs of our Institute.

The question arises, ***'Do they honestly believe that the 6816 Voting Members who consider the Institute our second home and a larger family are incompetent to manage our own affairs?'***

If this is the objective of these contestants and the team they represent, yet another question arises, ***'Is this not an act of stabbing the Members of this Institute in the back?'*** ***Should our Members endorse their actions, where the answer should be a resounding 'NO'!***

It is with deep regret, yet necessary that your Managing Committee exposes these facts at this juncture as it serves as a ***'stitch in time'***.

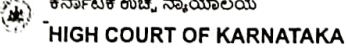
Furthermore, is it fair that a reputed 138 years old Institute comprising of 6816 voting Members and their dependents, having the expertise and are used to conducting elections regularly in accordance with the Rules of the Institute are exposed time and again to such ridicule?

****Extract of the Hon'ble High Court Order is attached herewith.***

Regards,



**Hon. Secretary
Bowring Institute**



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HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

Status: Pending

Case Number: WP 16057/2026
(KAHC010349292026)

Classification: GM KSR

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Petitioner: ARJUN
SAMPATHKUMAR

Petitioner Advocate: SUNDARA
RAMAN M V

Respondent: STATE OF
KARNATAKA

Respondent Advocate:

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Judge: M.NAGAPRASANNA

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Last Date of Action: 04/06/2026

Last Action Taken: ADJOURNED

Next Hearing Date: 05/06/2026

Prayer Details: WP 16057/2026

THIS WP IS FILED PRAYING TO

APPOINT A RECEIVER OR INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR TO CONDUCT FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS FOR MANAGING COMMITTEE OF 3RD RESPONDENT INSTITUTE BY WAY OF TRADITIONAL SECRET PAPER BALLOT AND TO MONITOR THE ELECTIONS

B. DIRECT SUCH RECEIVER OR INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR TO SCRUTINIZE THE VOTER LIST AND LIST OF NOMINATIONS AS PER THE BOWRING INSTITUTE RULES AND REMOVE THE NAMES OF MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN ACCORDED PERMANENT MEMBERSHIP AT CONCESSIONAL RATES

C. DIRECT THE RESPONDENT NOS.3 TO 7 TO FURNISH VOTER LIST INCLUDING THEIR CONTACT DETAILS TO ENABLE THE CONTESTANTS TO CAMPAIGN EFFECTIVELY

D. DIRECT THE RESPONDENT NO.3 TO CONDUCT THE FORENSIC AUDIT AND SUBMIT REPORT BEFORE THIS HON'BLE COURT

E. DIRECT THE RESPONDENT NOS. 1 AND 2 TO FURNISH THE LIST OF AMENDMENTS APPROVED BY RESPONDENT NO.2 SINCE 2004 TO THE PETITIONERS AND ONLY THEREAFTER TO CONDUCT THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

F. QUASH THE AMENDMENT MADE TO BOWRING INSTITUTE RULES AT RULE 25.4 IN ANNEXURE-B3

G. QUASH THE NOTICE DATED 11.04.2026 CALLING FOR ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF THE RESPONDENT NO.3 INSTITUTE (ANNEXURE A) BY WAY OF A WRIT OF CERTIORARI OR ANY OTHER WRIT OF SIMILAR NATURE

GRANT AN INTERIM PRAYER TO APPOINT AN INTERIM RECEIVER/ADMINISTRATOR TO CONDUCT ELECTIONS IN FREE AND FAIR MANNER

B. STAY THE NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING DATED 11.04.2026 OF THE RESPONDENT NO.3 INSTITUTE (ANNEXURE A) AND ALL CONSEQUENT ACTIONS PURSUANT THERETO

C. RESTRAIN RESPONDENT NOS.3 TO 7 FROM TAKING ANY COERCIVE ACTION AGAINST THE MEMBERS WHO EXPRESS DISSENT FOR HAVING EXPRESSED DISSENT, IN THE INTERESTS OF JUSTICE AND EQUITY.