PRINCIPAL DISTRICT COURT, EAST GODAVARI, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM: DATED 10-08-2026.

Sub: Andhra Pradesh e-Sakshya Management Rules, 2026 – Gazette Notification dated 17-07-2026 – Circulation – Reg.

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A copy of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette Notification dated 17-07-2026 relating to the **Andhra Pradesh e-Sakshya Management Rules, 2026** is hereby forwarded for information and necessary action in this regard.

All concerned are requested to kindly go through the Gazette Notification and take necessary action in accordance with the provisions and guidelines contained therein.

Prl. District Court, East Godavari,
Rajamahendravaram, Dt.10-08-2026. **PRINCIPAL DISTRICT JUDGE**

Encl: As Stated

To

1. All the Judicial Officers working in the unit of East Godavari District
2. Notice Board, Principal District Court, Rajamahenedravaram.
3. The copy of the same has been uploaded on the official website of the District Court, East Godavari: https://eastgodavari.dcourts.gov.in.

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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

HOME DEPARTMENT

(COURTS-B)

ANDHRA PRADESH ESAKSHYA MANAGEMENT RULES, 2026.

[G.O.Ms.No.139, Home (Courts-B), 17th July, 2026.]

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred under the provisions of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Act No.46 of 2023) and all other enabling provisions, the High Court of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following Rules, namely:-

The Andhra Pradesh eSakshya Management Rules, 2026

1. **Short title and commencement**. -

(1) These Rules may be called the "Andhra Pradesh eSakshya Management Rules, 2026."

(2) They shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Andhra Pradesh Official Gazette.

2. **Definitions.** -

(1) In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires, -

(a)"CCTNS" means Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems, a system software used by the Police for the collection of data and execution of instructions;

(b)"CIS" means Case Information System, a system software used by the District Judiciary and High Court for the collection of data and execution of instructions;

(c)"eSign" means authentication of any electronic record by a subscriber or court, by means of the electronic technique specified in the Second Schedule of the Information Technology Act, 2000 (Act No.21 of 2000) and includes digital signature. Also, when a process or report generated in electronic form is authenticated by means of electronic signature, it shall be deemed to be authenticated by signature of the person who affixed the electronic signature.

(d)"High Court" means the High Court of Andhra Pradesh at Amaravati.

(e)"ICJS" shall mean Inter-operable Criminal Justice System, a software presently in operation for transfer of information among various pillars of criminal justice system, which includes investigating agencies, courts, correctional homes, forensic laboratories, prosecution; and any other stakeholder as notified by the Central Government.

(f) "Investigating Officer" means any police officer or any other person authorized by a competent authority or empowered to undertake investigation for any offence.

(g)"Sakshya" means any evidence collected/recorded as a document through eSakshya Mobile Application. Sakshya consists of video recording(s), photograph(s), photograph(s) of witness(s) and photograph of the investigating/recording officer. All evidence record through eSakshya Mobile Application shall generate a secure packet of the event (hereinafter referred to as "eSakshya Packet') with a unique ID called SID, a unique 16 digit ID (SID) with opening, closing time stamp and geo-location. Each SID and its contents will have unique hash value to ensure integrity. Sakshya will be stored in immutable storage.

(h)"Sanhita" means the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Act No.46 of 2023).

(2)Words and expressions used, but not defined in these rules shall have the same meaning as assigned to them in the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Act No.46 of 2023); the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (Act No.45 of 2023); the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023, (Act No.47 of 2023) and the Information Technology Act, 2000 (Act No.21 of 2000).

3. Every Investigating Officer shall record all video and photo evidence as required under Sections 105, 173, 176, 180, 185, and 497 of the Sanhita through the eSakshya Mobile Application.

4. Investigating Officer shall generate a certificate under Section 63 (4) (c) Part A of the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023 (Act No.47 of 2023) through the eSakshya Mobile Application. All Certificates will be eSigned.

5. Investigating Officer shall link SID with the concerned FIR number/GD number generated through CCTNS.

6. The Sakshya uploaded to immutable storage shall be construed to be forwarded to the Court as required under Sections 105 and 185 of the Sanhita.

7. The Courts can view and manage all Sakshya concerning to their jurisdiction in the CIS application/Sakshya Portal on ICJS. The Court may also store a copy of eSakshya.

8. The Court may permit sharing of Sakshya with accused and the victim (if represented by an Advocate) as per the provisions under Section 230 of the Sanhita.

9. eSakshya packet will be archived after completion of trial and will be moved to Archival mode.

10. Nothing in these Rules shall be deemed to limit the power of the Courts to view the Sakshya by the Court.

11. These Rules shall be in addition to, not in derogation of any other Law or Rules for the time being in force for accepting and managing Sakshya by the Court in terms of the provisions of Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023 (Act No.47 of 2023).

KUMAR VISHWAJEET,
Principal Secretary to Government.

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