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\* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ **CS(OS) 613/2025 with I.A. 21898/2025, I.A. 21899/2025 and I.A. 21900/2025**

**TRISHLA CHATURVEDI**

.....Plaintiff

Through: Ms. Swathi Sukumar, senior  
Advocate with Mr. Aditya Trivedi,  
Ms. Shivani Mishra & Mr. Ritik  
Raghuwanshi, Advocates.

versus

**UMANG TANEJA & ORS.**

.....Defendants

Through: Mr. Aditya Gupta & Ms. Vani  
Kaushik, Advocates. for D-2.

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT BANSAL**

**ORDER**

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**04.09.2025**

**I.A. 21899/2025 (seeking exemption from filing clear/legible/translated documents)**

1. Allowed, subject the plaintiff filing legible copies of documents within four (4) weeks from today.
2. The application stands disposed of.

**I.A. 21900/2025 (u/S 149 of CPC, 1908)**

3. Ms. Swathi Sukumar, senior counsel appearing on behalf of the plaintiff submits that the requisite court fees shall be paid within one (1) week from today.
4. The statement of the counsel is taken on record.



5. The application stands disposed of.

**CS(OS) 613/2025**

6. Let the plaint be registered as a suit.

7. Issue summons.

8. Summons are accepted by counsel appearing for the defendant no.2, who waives the issuance of formal summons.

9. Summons be issued to the defendants no. 1 and 3 through all permissible modes.

10. The summons shall state that the written statement(s) shall be filed by the defendants within thirty (30) days from the date of the receipt of summons. Along with the written statement(s), the defendants shall also file affidavit of admission/denial of the documents of the plaintiff, without which the written statement(s) shall not be taken on record.

11. Liberty is given to the plaintiff to file replication, if any, within thirty (30) days from the receipt of the written statement(s). Along with the replication filed by the plaintiff, affidavit of admission/denial of the documents of the defendants be filed by the plaintiff.

12. It is made clear that any unjustified denial of documents may lead to an order of costs against the concerned party.

13. If any of the parties wish to seek inspection of any documents, the same shall be sought and given within the timelines.

14. List before the Joint Registrar on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2025.

15. List before the Court on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2026.

**I.A. 21898/2025 (under Order XXXIX Rules 1 and 2 CPC, 1908)**

16. The present suit has been filed for defamation seeking relief of permanent and mandatory injunction along with damages.



17. It is stated that plaintiff is a well-known personality in the field of astrology. The plaintiff maintains a commanding presence on social media with a following of over a million individuals.

18. The plaintiff is a practitioner of Vedic Astrology with over twenty years of professional experience in the field of Vedic Astrology. The plaintiff is also the recipient of the “*Jyoti Vibhushan Award*” in 2016 and 2017, and the “*Sarvashreshth Jyotish Puraskar*” in Rajasthan in 2016. The plaintiff maintains significant digital presence through YouTube channel which has attracted over 1.29 million subscribers, and over 834K followers on Instagram.

19. Defendant no. 1 claims to be a practitioner of astrology. The grievance of the plaintiff is that defendant no.1 has published defamatory videos relating to the plaintiff on various social media platforms of defendants no. 2 & 3.

20. It is also stated that defendant no.1 is regularly posting defamatory videos against various parties. Attention of the Court has been drawn to a judgment dated 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2025 passed in CS DJ ADJ 1012/2024, in which an injunction was passed against the defendants from posting defamatory videos.

21. The defendant has also been held guilty of offence of criminal defamation in criminal proceedings filed against the defendant.

22. I have perused the various videos/posts filed along with the plaint. The contents thereof are *prima facie* derogatory in nature. The defendant through such videos is seeking to malign the reputation of the plaintiff by accusing her of performing black magic and further portraying her as a drug abuser by morphing a photograph. In yet another video, the plaintiff is



referred to as a ‘cheap guest’. Such material, on the face of it, appears to be defamatory and intended to tarnish the image of the plaintiff.

23. A *prima facie* case is made out on behalf of the plaintiff. The presence of the aforesaid videos would cost irreparable harm and injury to the reputation of the plaintiff.

24. In view of the above, defendant no.2 is directed to take down the following videos/posts within 48 hours from service of this order:

**Links containing defamatory content against the Plaintiff:**

Sr. No.	Video Published at:	Video Link:
1.	YouTube short video by Umang Taneja titled ‘त्रिशला माँ का संघर्ष - दस हज़ार हर वर्ष’ published on 20th July 2025	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/shorts/qGoYV9Lhxx0">https://www.youtube.com/shorts/qGoYV9Lhxx0</a>
2.	Instagram reel video by Umang Taneja titled ‘चुटकी सिंदूर पर भारी चुटकी नमक’ published on 16th August 2025	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/reel/DNYJYc9z_Hz/?igsh=MXBIYXdqY3Q0dXJxMw==">https://www.instagram.com/reel/DNYJYc9z_Hz/?igsh=MXBIYXdqY3Q0dXJxMw==</a>
3.	Instagram reel video by Umang Taneja titled ‘पेग - large peg’ published on 22nd August 2025	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/reel/DNo-v1Mz1LE/?igsh=MTJmZDdldDRqd2hseg==">https://www.instagram.com/reel/DNo-v1Mz1LE/?igsh=MTJmZDdldDRqd2hseg==</a>
4.	Instagram reel by Umang Taneja titled ‘Are you hot?’ published on (tentative) 25/26th August 2025	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/reel/DNxwzbUZkN8/?igsh=dGllaGE0anFpNWoy">https://www.instagram.com/reel/DNxwzbUZkN8/?igsh=dGllaGE0anFpNWoy</a>



5.	Instagram reel by Umang Taneja titled '7 सितंबर के ज्योतिष स्टार अवॉर्ड्स को अवश्य सफल बनाएँ जिसमें चिमटे वाले बाबा भी अधिक से	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/reel/DNX2GOwTEiO/?igsh=d3pvYT_RnYjMwZXVq">https://www.instagram.com/reel/DNX2GOwTEiO/?igsh=d3pvYT_RnYjMwZXVq</a>
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	अधिक संख्या में आ रहे हैं' published on 15 August 2025	
6.	Instagram post by Umang Taneja titled 'ऊँट सवारी' published on 23/24 August 2025	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/p/DNj4DiEzFG_E/">https://www.instagram.com/p/DNj4DiEzFG_E/</a>
7.	Instagram post by Umang Taneja titled 'तसला माँ के सब misguide करने की बातों का पर्दाफाश जैसे "भगवान कृष्ण के भक्तों का वैवाहिक जीवन अच्छा नहीं होता" आज रात 14 august 2025 रात्रि 9.30 मेरे youtube channel पर live - <a href="https://youtube.com/@umangtaneja1?si=DfLre2V0BdC-6VJE">https://youtube.com/@umangtaneja1?si=DfLre2V0BdC-6VJE</a> ' published on 14 August 2025	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/p/DNUpKxIT0pX/">https://www.instagram.com/p/DNUpKxIT0pX/</a>
7.	Instagram reel by Umang Taneja titled 'कृष्ण प्रकट या माँ राधा - उड़ाओ धुआँ ज़्यादा' published on 31 August 2025	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/p/DOBEuefjJ0e/">https://www.instagram.com/p/DOBEuefjJ0e/</a>
8.	Instagram reel by Umang Taneja titled 'कैसे बदलें दुख से सुख - उपाय माँ तसला' published on 29/30 August 2025	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/p/DN7MPH_E-c_o/">https://www.instagram.com/p/DN7MPH_E-c_o/</a>



25. In the event the aforesaid videos are not taken down within 48 hours, defendants no.2 & 3 are directed to take down the aforesaid videos on an expeditious basis.
26. Further, defendant no.1 is restrained from posting any defamatory videos/posts in relation to the plaintiff till the next date of hearing.
27. Compliance of Order XXXIX Rule 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 shall be made within three (3) days.
28. Issue Notice.
29. Notice is accepted by counsel appearing on behalf of defendant no.2.
30. Let notice be issued to defendants no.1 and 3 *via* all permissible modes, including e-mail.
31. Reply(ies) be filed within four (4) weeks.
32. Rejoinder(s) thereto, if any, be filed within two (2) weeks thereafter.
33. List before the Joint Registrar on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2025.
34. List before the Court on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2026.

**AMIT BANSAL, J**

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2025**

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