

Supreme Court scraps Kerala ordinance regularising admissions of 180 MBBS students

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The courts have said that the admission procedure at the Kannur Medical College and Karuna Medical College (above) in Palakkad was not transparent

The Supreme Court on Wednesday scrapped an ordinance promulgated by the Kerala government in October 2017 to legalise the admission of 180 medical students, [LiveLaw](#) reported.

In March 2017, the court had cancelled the admission of the 180 students, admitted in 2016-’17, after the State Admission Supervisory Committee for Professional Colleges reported “discrepancies in the admission process”. It had told the government to expel the students – 150 from Kannur Medical College and 30 from Karuna Medical College in Palakkad.

To override this judgement, the government brought in an ordinance in October 2017 and a bill in April called the Kerala Professional Colleges (Regularisation of Admission in Medical Colleges) Bill. The Kerala governor, however, [withheld his assent](#) to the bill. The ordinance was challenged by the Medical Council of India in the Supreme Court.

On Wednesday, a bench of Justices Arun Mishra and Indu Malhotra struck down the ordinance as “ultra vires” or beyond the legal power of the state government. The court observed that the ordinance was an “abuse of process” and an attempt to interfere with the judiciary’s powers.

The case

In a verdict in 2016, the Kerala High Court had cancelled the admissions, and said that the admission procedure at the two colleges – Kannur Medical College and Karuna Medical College in Palakkad – was not transparent. The court said the colleges had admitted the 180 students instead of more meritorious ones. The Supreme Court later upheld the High Court’s verdict, and rejected the state government’s review petition on March 28.

On April 5, the court [stayed](#) the ordinance from coming into operation, citing constitutional loopholes. The court did not comment on the bill – which the Assembly had passed by then – as the governor had [yet to approve it](#). Kerala Governor P Sathasivam refused to [approve the bill](#) a few days later.

The government has claimed that the objective of the bill was to save the academic lives of innocent students. Two official panels and the Medical Council of India had earlier declared the ordinance illegal.

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Nothing brings down the spirit like the frayed edges of a beloved shirt. Perhaps there was a charm to its particular blue shade, since it won you many compliments. Or maybe it just reminds you of your first date. Clothes do hold a special meaning and place in one's heart. They are valuable, as after much deliberation, you picked them off the rack to reflect who you are. Even though it is not a surprise when these clothes inch towards the finish line, a part of you still wishes to keep them longer. After all, how often do you find a skirt that fits you perfectly, or a shirt that takes you down the memory lane.

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It just takes five minutes

In all, take five minutes out of your routine each day to give a longer lifetime to your precious fashion finds. The trick is to start at the sorting. Get a couple of laundry bags as opposed to one and label them according to colour and fabric. Put them right next to the shower or the closet so that as soon as they are taken off, they go into the right basket and are washed appropriately. You can either label your whites, darks and bleeds or separate according to fabric: light, heavy and delicate. Come weekend and all you need to do is empty that bag into your machine

Know your clothes inside out

Read the care labels attached to your clothes. While these tags often stick out, itch and can be a nuisance, they contain important information on how to treat your clothes right. Hand wash or machine wash, cold, warm or hot water temperature, tumble dry or air dry — the labels are right there to help you navigate the maze of 'how to show your clothes some love'. The more you go with the correct options, the better your favourite white shirt will look.

There is also a way to know the age of your garments. Just check for the lint residue after the machine is done with a wash. The amount of lint translates into the rough exposure the threads have been exposed to.

Think of the larger picture

If making your favourite outfits last longer isn't incentive enough, think about the larger impact of the contents of your closet have on the environment. Conventionally, the manufacturing of a pair of denims use **10,000 litres of water**. By using our owned clothes for longer and buying less of new clothes, we can reduce the negative impact of manufacturing clothes. Wash clothes sparingly and rotate the clothing items in your closet. This way all your clothes will be worn once and get some breathing time.

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