

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM
PRESENT
THE HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. SOUMEN SEN
&
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SYAM KUMAR V.M.**

**Wednesday, the 4th day of February 2026 / 15th Magha, 1947
WP(C) NO. 22905 OF 2018(S)**

PETITIONER:

**AJOY L.S., S/O P.R SUKUMARAN NAIR, AGED 50 YEARS,
LAKSHMI SADANAM (THIRUVONAM), KIZHAKKENADA, LAKASSERY,
CHENGANNUR - 689 121.**

RESPONDENTS:

1. THE STATE OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.
2. THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.
3. THE DIRECTOR OF COLLEGIATE EDUCATION, 6TH FLOOR, VIKAS BHAVAN, VIKAS BHAVAN PO, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 695 033.
4. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, POLICE HEAD QUARTERS, VAZHUTAHCAUD, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 695 010.
5. THE MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, REPRESENTED BY REGISTRAR, PRIYADRSINI HILLS PO, ATHIRAMPUZHA, KOTTAYAM - 686 560.
6. THE CALICUT UNIVERSITY, REPRESENTED BY REGISTRAR, KOZHICODE, THENHIPALAM, KERALA - 673 635, PAREEKSHA BHAVAN, UNIVERSITY ROAD, MALAPPUARAM - 673 635.
7. THE KERALA UNIVERSITY, REPRESENTED BY REGISTRAR, SENATE HOUSE CAMPUS, PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 34.
8. THE PRINCIPAL, THE MAHARAJAS COLLEGE, ERNAKULAM - 682 011.

Writ Petition (Civil) praying inter alia that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed along with the WP(C) the High Court be pleased to direct the respondents 1 to 4 to take effective steps to ensure that an incident like one which occurred in Maharajas College, Ernakulam which resulted in the death of a student, as reported in Exhibits P-1 and P-2 shall not be repeated in any other campus by taking appropriate preventive steps, pending disposal of the above Writ Petition (Civil).

P.T.O.

This petition coming again on for orders upon perusing the petition and the affidavit filed in support of WP(C), this Court's order dated 27/10/2025 and upon hearing the arguments of SRI. SAJEEV KUMAR K.GOPAL, Advocate for the petitioner, SRI.ASOK M CHERIAN, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL & SRI. T.S.SHYAM PRASANTH, GOVERNMENT PLEADER for R1 to R4 & R8, STANDING COUNSEL for R5, STANDING COUNSEL for R6 and of SRI.THOMAS ABRAHAM, Standing Counsel for R7, the court passed the following:

P.T.O.



Soumen Sen, C. J. & Syam Kumar V.M., J
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W.P(C)Nos.22905 of 2018 & 3171 & 11649 of 2024
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Dated this the 4th day of February, 2026

ORDER

Soumen Sen, C. J.

There are earlier directions directing the Universities to formulate a long-term regulatory measure/mechanism to address ‘political conflicts’ among the students in the Universities and as that it is the responsibility of the Universities and the Colleges under the Universities to ensure that no untoward incident takes place in the Colleges as the discipline in the Universities is much needed and desired.

2. We direct the Syndicate of all the Universities who are parties in the public interest litigations to formulate a mechanism to regulate the political activities of the students in the campus and to ensure that discipline is maintained in the campus.

3. The Mahatma Gandhi University has already framed Mahatma Gandhi University Students’ Code of Conduct Rules, 2005 with a view to maintaining and enforcing good conduct

and connected cases.

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inside the class rooms and campus in the affiliated colleges, Department of teaching and Research and self financing schools of the Mahatma Gandhi Universities. All the Universities who are parties before us may consider the aforesaid Rules of 2005 as model Rules and shall frame appropriate Rules to be placed before this Court on or before the adjourned date. The Universities must ensure that a congenial atmosphere exists in the campus and shall make all endeavour to ensure that academics is not compromised or suffer for reason whatsoever.

4. Post the cases on 04.03.2026.

5. The Rules to be framed in terms of this order shall be shared with the learned Additional Advocate General. We request the learned Additional Advocate General to consider the same and make submissions on the said Rules and suggest if any changes are required keeping in mind that the educational institutions should be kept free from political influence.

Sd/-

Soumen Sen
Chief Justice

Sd/-

Syam Kumar V.M.
Judge

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