

**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.**

**Thursday, the 26th day of February 2026 / 7th Phalguna, 1947
WP(PIL) NO. 40 OF 2026(S)**

PETITIONER:

**AJEESH KALATHIL GOPI, AGED 44 YEARS, S/O GOPI KALATHIL KUNJACHAN
REDEMPTION LEGAL, 8/51, F/F, JANGPURA- EXTESION, NEW DELHI,
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RESPONDENTS:

- 1. STATE OF KERALA, THROUGH CHIEF SECRETARY, SECRETARIAT,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM-695 001, EMAIL: CHIEFSECY@KERALA.GOV.IN, PIN -
695 001.**
- 2. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF KERALA, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, EMAIL: SECY.HEALTH@KERALA.GOV.IN, PIN - 695 001,**
- 3. DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL EDUCATION, DIRECTORATE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION,
MEDICAL COLLEGE P.O., THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, EMAIL: DME@KERALA.GOV.IN,
PIN - 695 011.**
- 4. KERALA GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (KGMCTA)
THROUGH ITS SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE, KERALA,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, EMAIL: KGMCTATVPM@GMAIL.COM /
DRSHEFNAM@GMAIL.COM, PIN - 695 011.**

**Writ petition (Public Interest Litigation) praying inter alia that
in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed along with the WP(PIL)
the High Court be pleased to**

**A. Pending disposal of this Writ Petition, direct the State of
Kerala to forthwith ensure restoration and uninterrupted functioning of
Out-Patient Departments and essential medical services in Government
Medical Colleges across the State of Kerala.**

**B. Pass such further interim orders as this Hon'ble Court may deem
fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case.**

**This petition coming on for admission upon perusing the petition and
the affidavit filed in support of WP(PIL) and upon hearing the arguments
of SRI.AJEESH KALATHIL GOPI as Party-In-Person for the petitioner and of
MS.VINITHA B, SENIOR GOVERNMENT PLEADER, the court passed the following:**

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Soumen Sen, C.J. & Syam Kumar V.M., J.

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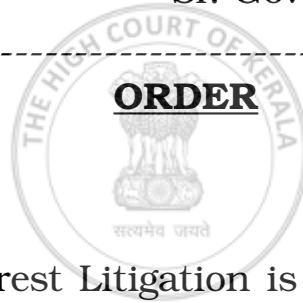
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Dated this the 26th day of February, 2026Appearance:

For the Petitioner : Mr.Ajeesh Kalathil Gopi
(Party in person)

For the Respondents : Ms.Vinitha.B.,
Sr. Government Pleader

Soumen Sen, C.J.

This Public Interest Litigation is filed in view of the non-functioning of the Out-Patient Departments and all essential medical services in Government Medical Colleges across the State of Kerala due to a strike called by the doctors.

2. Ms.Vinitha.B., the learned Senior Government Pleader has submitted that she has received instructions to submit that the Out-Patient Departments and all essential medical services in Government Medical Colleges have not been disrupted, although the learned Senior Government Pleader has admitted that the strike has been called by the Medical

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College doctors in Kerala.

3. The State is directed to file an affidavit within one week and must ensure that the issue is resolved in the meantime. It shall also be the duty of the State to ensure that the functioning of the Out-Patient Department and all essential medical services in the Government Medical Colleges across the State of Kerala are not disrupted by the said strike.

4. Post on 05.03.2026.



Sd/-

**Soumen Sen
Chief Justice**

Sd/-

**Syam Kumar V.M.
Judge**

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