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Nursing students to protest in Delhi

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STUDENTS pursuing nursing in colleges in Karnataka will stage a protest in New Delhi on December 18 following the Indian Nursing Council (INC) derecognising all nursing colleges in the state.

The Council had recently removed the names of all nursing colleges functioning in the state from its official list.

Speaking to *Express*, the students said, "As the Parliament session is going to commence, we want to bring this matter to the attention of the members elected from Karnataka. We are even planning to submit a memorandum to them requesting their intervention to ensure justice."

"If the INC has some dispute with the colleges or with the state government, then let them fight. They have no right to play with our future. If we finish our course without the college name being added on the INC website, that means the college is not recognised and we will not have the opportunity to work outside Karnataka," the students added.

As per information from the colleges, a majority of students admitted to nursing courses in the state are from Kerala and Nepal.

"When choosing the college, students prefer the one that is listed with INC. If INC removes the names in the middle of the academic year, then students will be in soup," said a principal of a nursing college in the city.

When contacted, Medical Education Minister Dr Sharan Prakash Patil said, "I am not aware of what exactly has happened. I will speak to the authorities at INC."

The minister also mentioned that the case is pending before the High Court and the hearing has been adjourned to next month.

IN THE MUDDLE

Three days ago, the INC removed the names of all nursing colleges from Karnataka from its list

This means that none of the colleges in the state are recognised by INC

The INC has not issued any notice or given any reason for its move

It did the same thing in May 2016, but after intervention of the state government, it added the names



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A student