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The Supreme Court rejects a student's appeal against the JNUSU polls' rejection of their nomination.



A student's appeal disputing the denial of her candidacy to run in the Jawaharlal Nehru University Students Union elections on April 25 was dismissed by the Supreme Court today.

Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta's bench declined to "interfere with the regulation" that prohibited candidates above 25 from running in the Jawaharlal Nehru University Students Union (JNUSU) elections.

After first requesting that the student's attorney file a case in the Delhi High Court, the bench heard the plea and rejected it.

Rithu Anubha C, a first-year post-graduate student, claimed that JNU was required to hold student union elections within six to seven weeks of the commencement of the academic year by citing the J M Lyngdoh committee's guidelines.

According to the student's attorney, she would have been qualified to run if the JNU administration had held the elections in September, as is customary.

According to the attorney, her nomination papers were denied without her fault because she was just over 25 years old.

"Every year in September, JNUSU elections are held," the attorney stated.

However, the bench stated, *"During the COVID-19 pandemic, many universities did not have elections. Does that imply that older people will eventually be able to challenge? dismissed."*

JNU has received 250 nominations for the position of school councillor and 165 for the four central panel positions of the JNUSU. The JNUSU elections are set on April 25.

With counting scheduled to start at 9 p.m. that same day, voting will take place in two stages: from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. The results are expected by April 28.