When the school made demands on the community’s women to wear the abaya, the local populace rose up to resist. "Tamil, Muslim, Sinhala, or whatever their language, if one community introduces new ways of resolving the matter in a way that restricts the activity or choices of another community, then it is wrong," says N. Nanthakumar, a local advocate of women’s education, Shanmuga College, as many secondary schools in Sri Lanka are being forced to implement new rules for wearing clothing. "This is a community’s right to make its choices, Tamil or Muslim. But when it involves the majority community’s right to resolve the matter in a way that restricts the activity or choices of another community, then it is wrong," says N. Nanthakumar. "Tamil, Muslim, Sinhala, or whatever their language, if one community introduces new ways of resolving the matter in a way that restricts the activity or choices of another community, then it is wrong.

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