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# Trust performs last rites for unclaimed bodies

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COIMBATORE: Thozhar Arakattalai cremated on Saturday six bodies that remained unclaimed in the mortuary of the Coimbatore Medical College Hospital.

A trust comprising volunteers who want to cremate or bury unclaimed bodies as a mark of giving respect to the dead, it was assisted in Tuesday's task by students of Bharathiar University, the Government Law College, Sri Krishna Arts and Science College and Sri Ramakrishna College.

Dean of the hospital V. Kumaran had instructed that the bodies of three men and three women that had not been claimed for over a month be handed over to the trust. It had so far cremated or buried over 700 unclaimed bodies. Hospital authorities said the organs of these bodies could not be used for study in the laboratories of the medical college as rules mandated storage in the mortuary for one-and-a-half months for identification/claim by relatives.

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