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KOLKATA: Hours after opposition leader Suwendu Adhikari addressed BJP Yuva Morcha workers outside Jadavpur University's Gate 4 on Thursday, clashes erupted between BJP workers and Revolutionary Students Front (RSF) students, leaving a student with a bleeding nose, needing hospitalisation.

Others, too, sustained minor injuries. RSF students were waving black flags at Adhikari's convoy, leading to a stand-off and ending in a clash. Till late evening, RSF students protested in front of the Jadavpur police station.

Reacting strongly to the incident, Trinamool alleged the injured student was from the transgender community, and when

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assaulted by BJP workers they were "aided by the Central Armed Forces." The Trinamool questioned whether this was "for daring to stand against him and express dissent?" It alleged that BJP "will go down in history as a party that thrives on fear and violence to maintain control." TMC said, "While the state mourns the loss of an innocent life, BJP leaders continue to spread hate and incite violence."

"When his vehicle came near Gate 4, three-four students tried to break the windows," said a Yuva Morcha leader. The RSF rubbished the claims, saying they were democratically showing black flags to Adhikari and were attacked by Morcha workers without "any form of provocation." Adhikari's security personnel tried to push them away and got into a scuffle with them. Yuva Morcha supporters, too, turned up at the site. "It was a protest outside

campus. Nobody interfered with the university administration or students' union. The Left-wing groups on campus are now feeling threatened and their aggression was a reflection of that," said Indranil Khan, president of BJP's Yuva Morcha.

The protests led to disruption of traffic. "For most of the day, we had to run vehicles on one flank," said an officer. Alok Middy from Ganguly Bagan said, "I have to walk to Jadavpur police station and take an auto to my workplace near Ballygunge Phari. I am wasting time and money on the commute."