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West Bengal: ISC high-scorer leaves Jadavpur University, HS ranker weighs options

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KOLKATA: A specially abled first-year student, who had taken admission in an Arts department at Jadavpur University last week, left the institute and rejoined St Xavier's College on Wednesday.

'FEELING INSECURE ON CAMPUS'



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HS ranker and a first-year student

The step was prompted by the fear and insecurity that she felt after the ragging incident at the university hostel a week earlier. Another first-year student from another Arts department, who was an HS ranker, has returned home and is looking for options to shift.

The specially abled student joined St Xavier's College on July 19 but left the college after she got into JU. "I joined JU on August 7 but could not get accustomed to the environment. The recent incident has played a role in my decision to rejoin St Xavier's College as I was mentally upset," the girl said. She was one of the high-scorers in the ISC examination.

The UG first-year student had chosen JU because it was her dream to study in the university. "I always had aspirations for the reputable Jadavpur University. It is sad that in a way it has failed me."

Her mother said that her daughter was extremely shocked after the incident and was afraid of visiting the JU campus.

"She was so scared that she asked her father to wait outside the department on Monday and not leave her alone. She felt insecure on the campus as she needed help while walking and moving around," her mother added.

The specially abled student feels, "The environment of JU is quite adverse to peaceful learning. Moreover, it lacks the discipline that an academic institution should have. The gates of the university are always open, which I feel is not safe. On the contrary, St Xavier's has a safe environment and gives you a platform to do academics as well as extracurricular activities."

According to her, she decided to rejoin St Xavier's as she did not like the JU environment.

"I took admission at JU and requested for my cancellation of admission at St Xavier's but after attending JU for a few days, I decided to rejoin Xavier's. I wrote a letter to the college authorities to cancel my cancellation request so that I can rejoin. The teachers and the authority have been kind enough to consider my request," the specially-abled student said.

Another first-year student from North Dinajpur, who was a resident of New Block Hostel, had left for his home last Friday after the ragging incident. He wants to leave JU and pursue studies at some other college. "As the situation is not good, I left the campus and came home. My family members are also worried. They want me to join some other college. In fact, I did not like JU, neither the campus nor the hostel," he said. The fresher said that though he did not face ragging, there were others who faced it. "This incident has left a deep scar on my mind," he added.

The first-year boy shared that he got into Maulana Azad College but left it for JU. "I am regretting my decision. As seats in most colleges are filled by now, it is difficult for me to shift but I am trying in other colleges. If I get it, I will move out of JU. This university is not for me," said the boy who was one of the HS toppers.