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Checks begin at Jadavpur University but former students still in Main Hostel

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KOLKATA: Security checks began at the Jadavpur University gates on Friday following the notification issued on Thursday restricting entry of outsiders into the campus between 8 pm and 7 am. However, some former students continue to reside at the Main Hostel where a student's death has sparked protests and led to the announcement of security measures. It is also unclear when CCTVs will be installed as a section of students is opposed to the move and university authorities on Friday pointing to funds crunch to refrain from committing to any deadline.

Morning walkers from the locality were the first to encounter the hurdle when security persons stopped them and asked them to furnish ID cards. Cars and two-wheelers entering the campus

were also stopped on Friday and asked to enter the details in a register before being allowed in.

"We are following the instructions given by the university and checking four-wheelers and two-wheelers before allowing them entry into the campus. We are noting down why they are entering and whom they wish to meet," said a guard at gate number 3.

A section of students has opposed the university's unilateral decision and said it should have been taken in meeting where all stakeholders should have been present. Engineering final year student Rejeswar Mandal said, "We don't have problem with CCTV and checking system but before taking such decisions, all stakeholders should have been consulted."

In the past couple of years, the university has tried to implement several security measures but they have had to be scrapped due to protest movements.

A university official, however, hoped the present circumstances will enable the the authorities to push through measures that they have been unable to take in the past. “We hope, the resistance that have been witnessed in the past will not occur this time given what has happened,” he said.

Engineering student Anamika Soren denied that students opposed safety measures. “Proper monitoring was absent in hostels. But they are now trying to impose measures on the campus. We are against any such imposition but we have no problem with implementing safety measures following all stakeholders meeting by considering all proposals.”