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JU panel finds gaps in boarders' statements

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Kolkata: The Jadavpur University internal probe panel is expected to arrive at its initial conclusion soon. They had called around 12 people from the hostel, including ex-students, students and staff, to depose before the committee on Friday. Sources reveal that the panel members are now trying to corroborate statements and fill in the gaps in the statements recorded by others.

University sources said that the most interesting thing that came up during the recording of statements was that none of the permanent and contractual staff said that they are aware of such incidents. "They denied seeing or listening about any such acts," said a source, adding that they said somewhat the same account. Only the head cook revealed about such instances of ragging.

As the panel recorded statements of hostel boarders, they found gaps in their statements, indicating that some things are being suppressed or being lied to them. The general body meetings had come up again in the statements of the hostel boarders. Previously, the panel found out that the freshers were threatened to not leak information, seniors held meetings to manufacture an account to suppress the facts and tutored that account to the juniors. It was also revealed that senior students and ex-students were reportedly on the other end of a phone call during such meetings.

Meanwhile, All Bengal University Teachers' Association, JU local chapter, gave a letter to pro-VC Amitava Datta expressing concern regarding constitution of internal probe committee.