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KOLKATA: A former student of Jadavpur University was remanded to police custody by a Kolkata court on Sunday. He is the 13th person to be arrested in connection with the death of a first-year undergraduate student.

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The police have charged the accused with using criminal force to deter a public servant from discharging his duty. This is under Section 353 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

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The prosecution lawyer said that the accused person, along with others, had prevented police personnel from speaking to the victim when he was being taken to hospital. They had also forcefully closed the gates of the hostel to prevent the police from entering.

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The judge at the Alipore Court granted police custody of the accused till August 24, so that he can be interrogated.

The police had on Friday arrested three current students of the varsity in connection with its probe into the death of the undergraduate student, who was allegedly ragged and sexually harassed, leading to his death after falling from a second-floor balcony of the main hostel building.

Earlier, nine former and current students of JU were apprehended. All of them are in police custody.

The prestigious 67-year-old university has sent a detailed report to the University Grants Commission on multiple queries about alleged ragging and sexual harassment of the 17-year-old undergraduate student, as directed by the statutory body.

(With inputs from PTI)