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# Appointment, resignation throw Jadavpur University in fresh turmoil

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KOLKATA: Jadavpur University, still restive over the death of a student in an alleged crime involving ragging and sexual harassment, plunged into turmoil again on Sunday as a section of professors and students labelled the BJP academic cell member Buddhadeb Sau's appointment as acting vice-chancellor a "directly political" move.

The resignation of dean of sciences Subenoy Chakraborty a day after Sau's appointment fuelled speculation about his decision being triggered by the latter taking charge. The acting VC said it would be unwise to draw a connection between his being a member of the BJP academic cell and his new assignment. "I do

not think this kind of discussion is healthy at all for an institution like Jadavpur University. Every person has some political ideology. Even those who call themselves apolitical are politically conscious, and follow some ideology. But it does not mean that it will affect their duties," he said.

"It is expected that people should know me as a person first then an academic and not by the political ideology I believe. "Everyone in Jadavpur University should now work together to solve the current problem and resume academic activity on the campus." Chakraborty declined to speak on what he said was an "internal matter". Sources close to him said he didn't want to work under the new interim VC, who was once a student of the department where he is a professor. Sau's appointment is likely to come up in the Supreme Court on Monday.

The Calcutta high court is also likely to hear several PILs on the Jadavpur University student death case.