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'Following democratic process to install cams'

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Kolkata: Jadavpur University was waiting for a democratic process to install CCTV cameras on the campus, officiating vice-chancellor Budhhadeb Sau said on Wednesday.

"We cannot install CCTV cameras just at the twist of a magic wand. It is not a cakewalk. We will do it following a democratic process," he said, adding the priority was to install cameras at the entrances and exits of hostels and then, at strategic points on the campus in phases. Sources said JU had discussed installation of CCTV cameras with Webel.

Registrar Snehamanju Basu said the decision of installing CCTV cameras would be placed before the executive council (EC) to get a final approval. "The process will be initiated thereafter," she said.

The university has already taken some measures to ensure safety on the campus. It has introduced a log book that hostel boarders are required to sign at the time of entry and exit. It has also restricted entry of outsiders between 8pm and 7am. Use of narcotics or alcohol has been prohibited on the campus.