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Govt sanctions Rs 37.4L for CCTV camera cover in JU

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KOLKATA: The state has sanctioned Rs 37.4 lakh for CCTV surveillance at the gates of the Jadavpur University main campus, Salt Lake campus and at the gate of the main hostel next to Jadavpur police station where the first-year Bengali honours student fell from the second-floor balcony.

Registrar Snehamanju Basu said, “We received the administrative approval and financial sanction of Rs 37.4 lakh from the state for CCTV surveillance at the gates of main campus, Salt Lake campus and the hostel gates. The work order had been given to Webel Technology and they have called a tender, the last date of which is Wednesday. They will start their work soon.” The university had

earlier written to the state for funds for installation of CCTV cameras.

The university plans to install at least 29 CCTV cameras at 10 strategic points in the first phase. Sources said three types of CCTV cameras — bullet, dome and automatic number plate reading (ANPR) cameras — will be installed to harness technologies and artificial intelligence so that perimeter detection, smart motion detection and recording faces of people while entering or exiting are provided in order to secure the campus.

Students from Arts Faculty Students’ Union and Faculty of Engineering and Technology Students’ Union, in a recent stake-holders’ meeting, made it clear that they have no objection to CCTV cameras at strategic points

following the UGC guidelines. But they are opposed to surveillance and wanted to know the exact locations of the cameras. Most of the teachers supported this view.