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10pm curfew hour for Jadavpur University hostel boarders, gates to open at 6am

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KOLKATA: More than a month after the first-year student died after a fall from the second-floor balcony of the Jadavpur University Main Hostel, the varsity has decided to implement strict rules and regulations at the hostels. A notice has been issued by the dean of students office, asking hostel boarders not to remain outside after 10 pm. It also said that prior permission must be taken from concerned hostel superintendents in case of absence from the hostel.

'PRIOR PERMISSION MUST FOR ABSENCE'

- > Boarders should not remain outside hostels after 10pm
- > **In case of absence** from hostel, prior **permission** must be **taken from superintendents**
- > **Hostel gates** to stay shut from **10 pm to 6 am**
- > Security personnels at the gates should maintain system of opening and closing the gates
- > **Boarders** shall meet their **visitors** in **visitors' room**
- > **Visitors must carry ID card**, register their **name, address** and **mobile number** in the **Hostel Visitors' Entry/Exit Register**
- > Boarders must ensure that their visitors register their



names and details

- > Boarders are instructed to carry boarders' **ID card**
- > **Must produce them whenever asked by security staff to ensure their identity as**

boarders or non-boarders

- > **University hostel/mess employees** residing at the Main Hostel Campus quarters should carry university **ID card** to **avoid trouble** during **entry-exit**

According to the notice, all hostel gates will remain shut from 10 pm to 6 am and security personnel posted at the gates should maintain the system of opening and closing gates strictly. Boarders are also instructed to carry their hostel boarder ID cards and must produce them when asked by security staff to ensure their identity as boarders or non-boarders.

The death of the fresher, who was a victim of ragging, has exposed the university's lack of control at the Main Hostel and highlighted administrative lapses in tackling the problem of unauthorized boarders and ex-students staying at the hostel. There was also lack of a proper mechanism to record entry and exit of people visiting the hostels. The internal probe panel's report also spoke about the presence of a large number of ex-students and unauthorised boarders at the Main Hostel. It has also been highlighted that many ex-students were behind the ragging of the fresher. The committee has recommended punishments for them as well.

Among the other rules, the boarders have been allowed to be with their respective visitors at visitors' room or TV-cum-recreation room, when a specific visitor room is not available. "Visitors must carry their ID proof and register their names with address and mobile numbers in the hostel visitors' entry/exit register kept at the entrance of the hostel under the custody of the darwans/ security personnel posted thereon," read the notice.

Boarders have been asked to ensure that his/her visitors have made entry in the register before entering the visitor room or such other room designated for this purpose. To avoid trouble, the university hostel and mess employees residing at the Main Hostel campus quarters should carry the ID cards during entry and exit.

A section of teachers and students feel that these measures should have been taken long ago but said that they were hopeful as they were finally in place. Though many are apprehensive whether the rules will be followed. In 2014, before the HokKolorob movement, the then vice chancellor, Abhijit Chakraborty, tried to implement certain rules and regulations at the hostel but faced opposition. An official said, "Meanwhile, all hostel boarders have united and are trying to oppose various decisions taken by the authorities."