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Governor destroying higher education ambience: Bratya Basu after removal of officiating Jadavpur University VC

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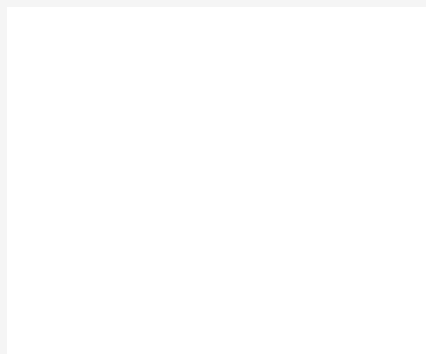
Soon after West Bengal Governor CV Ananda Bose removed Jadavpur University officiating vice-chancellor Buddhadeb Sau from his post on disciplinary grounds, West Bengal Education minister Bratya Basu accused the Raj Bhavan of destroying the higher education ambience in the state.

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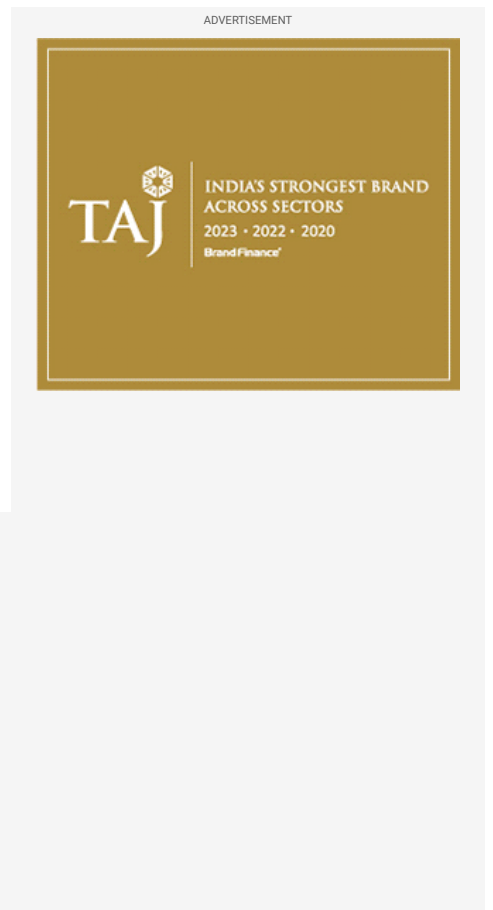


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Sau had apparently earned the wrath of Raj Bhavan for going ahead with the convocation of the university, which is held on December 24 every year, on the scheduled date despite Bose not having given consent to the function citing legal issues.

The higher education department had given the 'go ahead' to JU for holding the convocation after both Sau and Registrar Snehamanju Basu had called upon Basu.



In a post on X on Saturday, Basu said, "I have come to know from media reports that the professor authorised to exercise the powers of the vice chancellor of Jadavpur University has been removed by the governor. It appears that he is hell-bent on destroying the higher education ambience in the state." "For that, he is not only disregarding the advice of the elected state government, he has stooped to a new low by disrespecting the interim judgement of the Highest Court of the land. To maintain the status quo in the universities. He has bared his fangs and nails," Basu added.



Holding the convocation is "important and crucial for the future of students" and the university fraternity is "exploring the legal and technical issues involved", Jadavpur University Executive Council member and leader of All Bengal University Teachers' Association Goutam Maity told PTI.

"Sau was only working to facilitate that the JU convocation is held on the scheduled date as demanded by the students and others. The higher education department responded after being approached by students. Let's hope the Hon'ble governor will see to it that there is no impasse and students don't suffer," he said.

Maity also said it appears that Sau had been mandated to oversee the convocation arrangements by the university's decision-making bodies.

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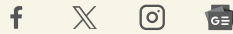
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