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JU gets state nod, to hold EC meeting on Monday

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Kolkata: Jadavpur University (JU) on Friday issued a notice announcing that it will hold its executive council (EC) meeting on Monday. The one-and-a-half month deadlock was broken after the state gave its nod to the meeting. The development comes in the wake of Calcutta University (CU) going ahead with its syndicate meeting despite the state's objection.

On Friday, a notice was issued by the university with the signature of registrar Snehamanju Basu that said: "The 36th meeting of the 10th executive council constituted for the period of 2020-2024 in terms of West Bengal University Laws (Amendment) Act, 2011, which was scheduled and notified to be held on Friday, the 24th of November, 2023 is rescheduled to be held on Monday, the 18th of December, 2023."

The notice was issued only after receiving a written approval from the state higher education department on Thursday night. Sources said that in the letter, it was specifically mentioned that the university could conduct an EC meeting only on a single agenda related to the convocation. It has been mentioned in the notice issued by the university on Friday.

Officiating VC Buddhadeb Sau said: "We went to Bikash Bhawan to solve the deadlock and to know the reason why it was barred to be held. JU has its tradition and students have emotions with the convocation ceremony that we wanted to conduct as per schedule."

JU officials went to Bikash Bhawan last week to meet state education minister Bratya Basu to solve the matter. They were told that the state will take legal advice to solve the matter. On the other hand, after receiving an objection letter from the state higher education department, Calcutta University conducted its syndicate

meeting to pass examination regulation for a four-year degree programme and 2022 pass certificates related matters.

The EC meeting that was slated on November 4 had been postponed after receiving a higher education department letter denying nod to hold it. JU called a meeting again on November 24 but it was postponed following a letter from the higher education department, saying that interim VC can hold EC meetings only with the prior approval of the state government according to the West Bengal State Universities Rules, 2019.

JU has received the nod for conducting the EC meeting but there is also an embargo of conducting court meetings given by the Raj Bhavan is still a matter of concern because court meetings are equally important to ratify decisions taken in the EC meeting.