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Min lauds JU for convocation plan

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Kolkata: Education minister Bratya Basu on Thursday said Jadavpur University was not following any “invisible diktat or order”.

He was referring to JU’s decision to hold a programme on Sunday, be it called ‘convocation’ or ‘award distribution ceremony’, in spite of not getting the governor’s nod for the court meet for convocation. “I have learnt the university will hold its convocation. This implies JU is not following any invisible diktat or order. Instead, they are showing their thumb to the person or persons who tried to give such invisible order...” said Basu.

Governor C V Ananda Bose, also chancellor of state-run universities, on Wednesday denied the JU acting VC to convene the court meeting and convocation. “The governor’s letter says since there are issues that are sub judice in the SC and given uncertainties, the court meet and convocation should be kept in abeyance till further orders. But within the same legal parameters, the governor gave the nod to two other state universities for convocation. Why is permission not being given to JU?” said Buddhadeb Sau, interim VC appointed by Bose. He added it was decided at the emergency EC meet on Wednesday the programme would be held on Sunday as “we cannot deprive students from getting their degrees”.

Registrar Snehamanju Basu visited Bikash Bhavan and met advocate-general Kishore Datta later to seek legal opinion whether it will be called 'convocation' or 'award distribution ceremony'. Bikash Bhavan reportedly said JU could hold the convocation as usual. State nominee to EC Manojit Mandal said, "There is no need for chancellor's nod for court meet or convocation. The VC can do it."