

Who is the signing authority? Tussle cloud over NAAC team visit to JU

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Kolkata: Jadavpur University held a meeting with heads of departments, deans and officials to discuss the imminent NAAC team visit and decide on how the departments should prepare in the current situation. Sources said many professors and officials flagged that financial approvals will become a problem amid ambiguity about the VC's status.

“The current situation will create a hurdle in terms of financial approval for the preparation like ramping up infrastructure, painting of buildings and gates and others. The VC gives financial approvals for larger budgets. But in this situation we do not know how financial, administrative approvals will happen and who will sign official documents,” said a professor.

On Thursday, the university sought clarification from the higher education department on who should have the signing authority and would grant financial and administrative approvals. The authority also sought legal opinion on whether the university at all had a VC or not.

Registrar Snehamanju Basu on Friday said that they have not yet received any clarification from the higher education department.

“Since the case is subjudice in the Supreme Court, the lawyer said that he is not in a position to give an opinion,” added Basu. Sources said that officiating VC Buddhadeb Sau did not come to VC's office on Friday as well. However, he went to the math department, where he is a professor.