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# Blind girl's death: JU bars two from campus

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Kolkata: Jadavpur University on Wednesday decided that the internal complaints committee (ICC) would probe the circumstances leading to the death of Renaisa Das, a blind second-year English student. It was also decided at the meeting, which was attended by HoDs, deans and officials, that the accused would be barred from the campus till the end of the probe.

"The human rights commission has sought a report. We will reply within the time given. The ICC will probe the case and submit a report in a month," said an official. The debarment letter, signed by registrar Snehamanju Das, read: "...you are hereby debarred from entering the campus of Jadavpur University till the enquiry is completed..." Renaisa had died by suicide at her Malbazar home on Jan 18 and her parents lodged a complaint at JU on Thursday, accusing a student and a research scholar, both blind, of provoking her to take the step. An FIR was also lodged at the Malbazar PS.

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**Kolkata/Siliguri:** The passing away of a Jadavpur University blind student, **Rena-isa Das**, who died by suicide



**T**hey were harassing and mentally torturing her through phone calls. The phone call list of Renaisa is a



at her Malbazar home in Jalpaiguri on Jan 18, has prompted her parents to lodge a complaint with the varsity on Thursday, alleging that a student and a research scholar had provoked their daughter to take the step. The accused are also blind.

The parents have also lodged an FIR at Malbazar PS on Wednesday alleging that their daughter — a second-year student of English department — was blackmailed and mentally harassed. They have also written to the West Bengal Women's Commission.

Registrar Snehamanju Ba-

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**Barnali Das** | MOTHER

led by the family members The Malbazar cops have started a probe. "We have registered a case under section 306 of IPC pertaining to abetment of suicide. According to preliminary investigation, she was in a relationship with a student," said officer Tenzing Bhutia.

Sources said Renaisa, who earlier used to stay at the hostel, was staying at home for the past few months. She came to the hostel on Jan 1 and returned home after the semester

SU acknowledged that the complaint has been received. “It is an unfortunate incident. We will discuss it and also talk to our lawyer.”

According to cops, an unnatural death case was registered on Jan 18 and later on Jan 24, a specific complaint was fi-

examined on Jan 16. Her mother had accompanied her to Kolkata then, sources said.

In the letter to JU, her parents wrote that their daughter was forced to kill herself because of two students as she was deceived in name of friendship. “There was breaking

English HoD Manojit Mandal said, “Dean of arts Shibashis Chatterjee and two professors, Ishan Chakraborty and Paramita Chakravarti, will assist the ICC team.” Sources said it was found necessary to include Chakraborty, who is also visually impaired.

A member of the Forum for Students with Disabilities Subhadip Mondal said, “Officials said a preliminary report will be given by February 12 and the probe will be over in a month. They also accepted our demand of barring the accused till the end of the probe.”

The accused blind student, who stays at hostel, said, “The decision will affect my studies. I have my internals from Feb 2 and semester exams after that. The allegations are not yet proved.” The research scholar said he would cooperate with the probe.