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At Jadavpur University, Mass Comm students awarded marks for 'unchecked' answer scripts

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KOLKATA: Around 50 Jadavpur University Mass Communication postgraduate students were awarded marks in one of their second-semester exam papers without any evaluation, a senior university official told some of the students on Monday. The students met interim JU vice-chancellor Bhaskar Gupta at his office on Monday, where they learnt that the marks they received in the Media Law and Ethics paper were awarded without the answer scripts being checked at all. The batch wrote this paper in July and got "their marks" in Aug this year.

The JU development follows a similar revelation from the Calcutta University's Bengali department, where 120 answer scripts were reported missing. A probe is on to find out what happened to

those papers belonging to students of three CU colleges. TOI broke the CU story last month.

The interim JU vice-chancellor did not respond to calls but every other senior official who TOI called did not deny the students' allegation.

Controller of examination Satyaki Bhattacharyya said he was "not authorised to comment on this matter". "The vice-chancellor can address the issue," he added.

Journalism and Mass Communication department head Partha Sarathi Chakraborty said university officials would speak to the professor, "against whom allegations of not evaluating answer scripts" had been levelled, on Tuesday.

JU assistant prof denies allegation

Interdisciplinary studies, law & management faculty dean Joydeep Mukherjee said the students had "some grievances". "The professor concerned has been called. The next course of action, based on university rules, will be taken after the discussion with the VC on Tuesday," he said.

Several JU mass communication MA students went to interim VC Gupta's office on Monday "to talk about the delay in publishing results and our concerns regarding the evaluation process". Antara Das, a student, said. "It was at that time we were told a professor had submitted 'unchecked' answer scripts. I had got unexpectedly low marks, prompting me to file a RTI application to seek re-evaluation."

JU officials said they realised a professor had turned in unchecked answer papers after some students applied for review and others filed RTI queries. "During the review process, it transpired that 50 scripts were submitted unchecked," an official said. Assistant professor Abhishek Das, blamed by students for the fiasco, denied having submitted unchecked scripts. "The papers were duly checked and submitted," he said.