

# Guv puts at rest varsity debate

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Kolkata: West Bengal Governor Keshari Nath Tripathi drew curtains on the debate over the undergraduate admission procedure in Jadavpur University arts faculty giving primacy to the decision of the university highest policy making body, its executive council.

"I have nothing to say," the governor said on Thursday while coming out of the ASSOCHAM EduMeet 2018 programme held in the city. Tripathi was responding to the media when asked about his reaction to the return of entrance tests in JU arts admission. "The admission committee has been formed by the EC. It has laid down certain norms to conduct admission tests (to six humanities streams). The tests will now be conducted as per the stipulated norms... I have nothing to say in this matter," the governor, who is also Jadavpur University chancellor, said when JU VC Suranjan Das is yet to come to terms to the EC decision of bringing back entrance tests in six arts departments.

According to a higher education department official, Das has also surrendered his laptop to the university and sought an appointment with the chancellor.

According to a source, the VC, who announced after the EC meeting that he is not party to the admission resolution, has gone on leave delegating pro-VC P K Ghosh to attend all the statutory committees under the three faculties — doctoral committee, faculty council, admis-



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sion committee, board of studies among others on his behalf. The university has few crucial meetings lined up as admission to MPhil, Ph.D. courses has got delayed by a month.

Coming to know of the VC's resolve to call on the chancellor and urge to relieve him and the pro-VC of their duties, Tripathi said: "Let him (VC) come. I will take appropriate measure after talking to him and taking a view of the whole situation." The JU VC and the pro-VC noted in the EC meeting on Tuesday that they are not party to the decision in view of "university lawyer's opinion that the EC resolution on July 4 in regard to admission of students on their board marks alone has attained finality in view of the chancellor's advisory".

Jadavpur University Teachers' Association wrote to the VC urging him to stay back when JU has found a place among the "Institutions of Eminence" declared by the Centre.



## 'Ready to speak with V-C & Pro V-C if they come to Raj Bhavan'

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**KOLKATA:** Governor and Chancellor of Jadavpur University Keshari Nath Tripathi said on Thursday that he is ready to speak with the Vice-Chancellor and Pro Vice-Chancellor if they meet him at Raj Bhavan.

Responding to a question on the situation at Jadavpur University and the V-C's decision to resign, Tripathi said on the sidelines of an ASSOCHAM programme: "They can come and meet me. I will not press any decision of my own in this regard. The Executive Committee (EC) of Jadavpur University has taken the decision of holding the admission test and I have nothing to comment on the EC decision."

The EC meeting on Tuesday had decided that admission tests will be held in six subjects, namely English, Bengali, History, International Relations, Philosophy and Comparative Literature and final merit list

for admission will be prepared on the basis of 50 percent of the total marks secured in HS or equivalent examination and 50 percent of the marks secured in admission tests.

Following the EC decision, V-C Suranjan Das and Pro V-C Prady Ghosh had said that they could not agree with the EC decision and would resign by tendering resignation to the Chancellor.

Sources in Raj Bhavan said in the evening that Das and Ghosh have written to the Governor, seeking an appointment

Meanwhile, in another development, Jadavpur University has ranked 7th in the list of Union Human Resource Development ministry's 'institutions of eminence'. "I am privileged to be one of the committee members that had made the presentation in this regard before the Centre. I wish every success for JU," V-C Suranjan Das said.

Twenty institutes - 10 public and 10 private - will be awarded this status and they will be getting a Rs 1 crore grant over a period of five years.





# Guv releases ASSOCHAM Knowledge Report

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**GOVERNOR** K N Tripathi on Thursday said there is increased realisation on quality of education at school level.

Delivering his address at the 'ASSOCHAM EduMeet 2018' here, Tripathi said, Centre is working on certain focus areas like school curriculum, teachers skill with the intention to develop new ways and "create an eco-system which is self-sustainable and ever evolving."

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Stating the government was giving focus on pre-school, Tripathi said right to pre-school education was essential to help build up the formal education system.

"In this regard private and government partnerships can help in sharing resources, experiences and help build a strong foundation," he said. Pointing out India had immense potential to be an education hub and

evolved with times. Technological interventions will help to take education to masses," propel economic and social growth and expand the educational social system.

Tripathi said quoting a study that "We have 497 million people in education seeking category within the age of 5-24 years or 37.1 per cent of country's total population."

"They form an important segment in accelerating economic growth," he said.

Tripathi also released the ASSOCHAM Knowledge Report on the occasion.

Heads of different educational institutions from all over the country and Education Council members were present at the one-day meet.

Talking about various methods of education in modern world, Tripathi said "education has

"Time has come up again in the present age to build modern centres of excellence which will put increased focus on learning outcomes," he said.



