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## Delay in results: Angry VTU students hit the streets

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Hundreds of engineering students from colleges affiliated to Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi, staged a protest in the city on Wednesday demanding declaration of results of the odd semester examinations held in December 2016 and January 2017.

The students who took to the streets said, "The university authorities have become so irresponsible that today we have to beg for our results in public."

Recently, the university authorities said the results would be announced by April 15.

But till Wednesday the results have not been announced, said the students.

According to students, the results are usually declared by January end, extending up to the first few weeks of February. However this year, the university seemed to have pushed the declaration of results to April.

"We heaved a sigh of relief on April 15, when VTU released an official statement that the results would be declared in two-three days. Ironically, on April 16 messages were circulated on WhatsApp stating that VTU has lost the Internal assessment marks and are requesting the colleges to upload them again. Now, there

will be an additional delay and results will be announced only after April 30," said the aggrieved students.

"VTU has a record for failing students in the examinations, even the class toppers are known to have written re-exams because of this. Some do manage to clear their subjects after re-evaluation. It is a known fact that VTU makes

a lot of money through the re-evaluation fees. However, the rightful students do manage to pass or get more marks after re-evaluation," said another student.

Meanwhile, students are worried as the next semester exams are scheduled to be held from June 5.

Final year students too are concerned over the delay as they have to take up higher studies or job offers.

When contacted, Dr Karisiddappa, Vice-chancellor, VTU, said that there was no issue with internal assessment marks and that the results would be declared by Monday.



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A VTU student