

VTU wants its exam centres to be equipped with CCTV by November 28

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THE Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) has set a deadline of November 28 to install CCTV cameras at all its examination centres to monitor the conduct of examinations.

In an official circular issued by the university, it has directed all examination centres in its affiliated colleges to be equipped with CCTV cameras and submit a report to the varsity registrar about it by November 30.

VTU registrar Prof Janard-

han Reddy said, "We have directed all affiliated colleges to install and get equipped with CCTV in their examination centres. This is mainly to curb malpractices during examinations and also to monitor the conduct of examinations."

This will be implemented for the upcoming examinations and applies to both undergraduate and postgraduate courses. It is mandatory for colleges which house examination centres to fall in line, and the circular clearly states that the CCTV cameras should be along with the online monitoring facility.

The university has even directed colleges/examination centres to store the recorded CCTV footage for at least six months.

Meanwhile, some college managements have raised objection to this plan, saying it would not be possible for them to implement it immediately and needed time.

"It is not an easy thing to do. We need to call for tenders and complete the process. We cannot assure it can be followed by the next examinations," said a principal of one of the VTU-affiliated colleges in the city.