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VTU students allege discrepancies in examination and evaluation system

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Bengaluru: Alleging discrepancies in the examination and evaluation system of Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), students admitted under 2015 Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) sche-

PROTEST MODE

me staged a protest at Town Hall, Bengaluru, on Monday.

They demanded supplementary exam instead of the year-back system or continuation of "one-time exit scheme" for students of all schemes.

"Following protests by non-

CBCS students last year, VTU came up with a 'one-time exit scheme' to address problems arising due to the year-back system. After this, students with a backlog of certain number of papers now don't have to repeat a year. Why is it that we are facing discrimination," asked Deepak B, a third-year engineering student.

Prashant K, a fourth-year student, said, "We have been submitting memorandums to VTU officials as well as higher education minister GT Devegowda to change the scheme for students under 2015 CBCS, but there has been no action from their side."

Students claim about 70,000 students admitted under the 2015 scheme have been deliberately deprived of this benefit.

After students held protest at VTU regional office in Belagavi, an urgent meeting was called on September 7, and the critical year-back system was removed. "But the students are demanding supplementary examination and 'one-time exit scheme'. This was not even considered during the meeting," said Lokesh S, a third-year engineering student.

In autonomous engineering colleges across the state, students are allowed six attempts to clear a subject and they are awarded degrees

by VTU. "Why is VTU discriminating against its own students," asked Lokesh.

Making money through revaluations?

Protesting students showed mark-sheets to prove that getting 10 more marks through revaluation had become the norm. "On an average, there is an increase of 7-15 marks for students who have failed. VTU seems to be failing students only to make money from revaluation fee (Rs 400 for each answerscript). How can there be an increase of 10 marks in most of cases," wondered Rajiv NP, a third-year engineering student.