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VTU students to protest back-to-back exams

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Bengaluru: Students of Visvesvaraya Technological University continue to deal with haphazard examination and result announcement. As a result, hundreds of students were forced to write two exams a day and 16 exams in 50 days. They have now decided to protest against the VTU on August 18.

Rahul PB, a third-year engineering student from Bengaluru, said, "During our exams between June 10 and July 25, on three days, I wrote two exams on each day. There's so much pressure on us as they release the results around midnight or after that. And they ask us to write the examination at 9am the next day. How are we supposed to know

'CAN'T ROLL BACK THE SYSTEM'

Students had raised the issue but it is practically not possible for us to roll back the system of year back. We have asked all colleges to continue with the same system. As far as results are concerned, they will be declared on time. The problem occurred last semester due to a change of system in evaluation and announcing the results. It will not be repeated

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we need to prepare for other exams as well?"

The results of the December-January 2016-17 exams were announced after five months. It meant that till they wrote the next semester exams, students didn't know

whether they had passed the previous semester or not. "Moreover, they collected fees for all subjects in advance and said if we passed in these subjects, the money for them would be refunded. No refund for any subject has

been made yet," added another student, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

About 16,000 students signed a petition against VTU's year back and critical year back provision for Non-Choice Based Credit System

(Scheme 2010) demanding it be rolled back and also a new provision of supplementary exams to be implemented for CBCS (Scheme 2015) students. Their other demands include permitting students to attend classes for those who failed in critical subjects. In case of critical year back students under non-CBCS are made to wait for about a year.

The petition has been moved by student Shruvan Kumar on change.org and is garnering support across the state. Students have formed a VTU Students Struggle Committee with the help of All India Democratic Student Organization and will begin their protest rally from City railway station to Freedom Park at 11am on August 18.

