

Bengal

BESU protest against delay in status conversion

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The teachers of Bengal Engineering and Science University (BESU) today sat in a demonstration protesting against the "inordinate delay" in the conversion of the status of the university from a state university to an Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IIST).

"The Bill has been in the Cabinet since 2010. Three years have passed but there has been no progress. This hanging status between state university and a central institute is pathetic. We will continue with our protest programme on Friday too," said Prof Amitabh Roy, general secretary of the teachers' association of BESU.

Around 200 teachers took part in today's protest programmes. Classes were not disrupted.

Many students expressed their wish to join the protest programme.
