

10,000 RTU engg students wait for 'mercy exam'

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KOTA: Fate of about 10,000 engineering undergraduate students of the Rajasthan Technical University (RTU) hangs in the balance as they wait for their "mercy examination", which was cancelled due to the Covid-19 in March this year.

According to the information provided by the university in a reply to an RTI (right to information) application filed by an activist, Sujit Swami, there are about 10,000 engineering undergraduates enrolled with the university between 2005 and 2011, who are yet to clear some papers to get their degrees. The university organises "mercy examination" for such students who fails to clear all papers within 8 years of their enrolment with it, said Swami, also an alumnus of the university.

He said the university had organised a "special mercy examinations" in March this year for such students, which were scheduled to continue till April, but the examinations were cancelled after three days due to Covid-19 situation. Now, such engineering undergraduates are waiting for their remaining examinations.

"I am not able to get my engineering degree as my papers are due and there is no indication from RTU when will it organise the mercy examinations," said



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Sudhanshu Shrivastava, a student. Another student, Indraneet Singh said, "I can apply for any job or further studies only after clearing the mercy examinations."

Such students have also submitted a memorandum to the RTU officials seeking the mercy examinations.

Commenting over the issue, Dharendra Mathur, controller of the examinations, RTU, said, "We have written to the state government to seek permission for conducting 6 and 7 semester examinations. Once government accords the permission, we will consider conducting the mercy examinations."

He said many students belong to other states or living in other countries, so travelling in Covid times for examinations is also a cause of concern, which is another reason for the delay.

He said the B.Tech final semester were conducted this year after permission from the state government.