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2 students injured as ceiling collapses at JnU, protests erupt over safety concerns

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Two students were injured after a portion of the ceiling plaster collapsed inside a seminar room at Jagannath University on Wednesday morning, triggering protests on campus over long-standing infrastructure issues.

The incident occurred at the mathematics department when a large chunk of plaster suddenly fell off the ceiling onto students present in the seminar room.



The injured students Tanvir Newaz Fahim and Mahfuzur Rahman, both from the department's 20th batch, were given primary treatment at the university's medical centre.

News of the accident quickly spread across campus, prompting students to stage a protest march and hold a demonstration demanding urgent renovation of unsafe buildings.

The procession began in front of the mathematics department, circled the science faculty, and concluded with a brief rally outside the vice-chancellor's office.

At the rally, students called for immediate repairs to buildings previously declared risky or abandoned.

Masud Rana, Jagannath University Central Students' Union assistant general secretary, urged the administration to act without delay.

'We request the vice-chancellor to address this issue urgently. Buildings that have already been declared hazardous must be renovated or rebuilt if necessary,' he said.

Students from various batches of the mathematics department joined the protest, along with JnUCSU social welfare secretary Mustafizur Rahman and members Zahid Hasan and Mehedi Hasan.

JnU has long struggled with deteriorating infrastructure. At least four academic buildings remain in a fragile condition, and similar incidents of falling plaster have been reported in several classrooms of the science faculty in recent years.

With no residential facilities and aging classrooms, students say they attend classes under constant fear of accidents.

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