

Net loss: IIM-C students fear impact on placements

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Kolkata: Students of IIM-Calcutta who will be going in for their placements on Thursday, are worried that the internet connection may snap during their interviews, costing them a coveted berth. The network facilities at the Joka campus have been described as “abysmal” by the students who complained that they were often disconnected during online classes.

This year corporate houses will not be on campus and placements will take place through virtual interviews. Second-year MBA students will appear for the placements. The batch size is 480 and 50% of these students will be appearing for the interviews as the rest had already bagged pre-placement offers.

“If a candidate’s internet gets snapped during the interview and it takes a while before he or she can get back to the interviewer again, will the latter have the patience to allow him again? He will simply move on to the next candidate,” said a student. The students’ council



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had written to the director earlier and is in touch with the computer services committee, which has now deployed a technical team to work around the clock in the hostel rooms to solve the problem. All students will appear for the interviews from their hostel rooms.

“There are LAN ports that need to be replaced and routers that need to be procured and placed in the rooms that have severe internet issues. At the moment, the institute has started changing the LAN ports,” said students’ council head Yash Verma. “Teachers know the problem and the fact that we are

not being able to do our classes continuously. They are sympathetic to our cause, but we cannot expect that from our prospective employers. If they choose to move on, a student loses his/her opportunity forever,” another student said.

Soumyakanti Chakrabarti, head of the committee that is looking into the problem, said that the institute is taking placements very seriously and all efforts are on to get better LAN ports. “Procuring new Wi-Fi connections is a long-term plan and at a government institute, it goes through a long process,” he said.