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NIT-Srinagar students want CRPF deployed

JAMMU: Students of the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Srinagar, on Saturday took out a protest march here and demanded permanent deployment of the CRPF on the campus and reshuffling of college administration and immediate formation of a student's council.

The students said they would continue their protest until their demands were met. They would boycott regular classes from Monday.

NSUI leaders too joined the protesting students.

A student alleged that the Ministry of Human Resource Development and the college administration had turned a deaf ear to their primary demands.

They demanded permanent deployment of the CRPF on the campus (but not under the control of State adminis-

tration). The students also sought restructuring of the NIT Srinagar administration by introducing cadre system.

The administration (both teaching and non-teaching staff) should consist of 50 per cent quota of J&K State personnel and 50 per cent quota from other States, the NIT students said.

They also demanded immediate formation of a student's council on the lines of top NITs and IITs.

They sought an online special grievance redress mechanism exclusively for NIT Srinagar, directly monitored by the MHRD. They also demanded action against State police personnel and the administration involved in the incident and action against those faculty members who were "harassing students academically." — PTI