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Test paper leaked in Lucknow

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The Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) 2009 which was scheduled on Sunday, May 17 has been postponed because the question paper was leaked in Lucknow. The core committee arranging the examination will take a meeting in a couple of days and will decide about the rescheduling of the examination. According to Prof. Vir Singh, Vice-Chancellor of the Nalsar University of Law, Hyderabad, the tentative date for the rescheduled examination would be May 31, 2009.

Nalsar University of Law, Hyderabad is the hosting university for the examination for this year.

According to the information provided by Prof. Singh, two locked and sealed steel boxes containing the CLAT-2009 test material had been tampered with deliberately by breaking the latches and the locks, while these boxes were in transit from Hyderabad to Lucknow through Blue Dart Courier services. On examination, it was reported by the Registrar of the Ram Manohar Lohia National Law University, Lucknow; that it seemed to be a case of deliberate tampering with the boxes.

In view of the above, there is no other alternative except to postpone the CLAT-2009 Test both for Undergraduate and Postgraduate courses, it was said.

The new date of CLAT-2009 Test shall be announced shortly after details are worked out by the Core Committee of Eleven Vice-Chancellors of National Law Universities. The candidates shall retain the Hall Tickets already dispatched to them and they shall use the same at the rescheduled CLAT-2009 Test.

Prof Singh said, "It is a very unfortunate scene. Either the airline staff by which the boxes were getting transported, or the lower line officials of the Blue Dart Couriers are at fault. An FIR has been filed in Lucknow. Even the courier company has begun its inquiry at their level. It is an example of organised crime and needs serious attention. The process of rescheduling the examination is very elaborate and expensive and moreover will take some time."

Senthil Kumar, national marketing head, law school tutorial, Career Launcher said, "Students are bound to get panicky at this situation. Some students may also be happy as they will get more time to get prepared. But more students are getting panicky as the exam was just three days away and most of them had already prepared themselves mentally to appear for it. This may affect the students' performance."

Fortunately, the academic year is scheduled to start in July, so that there is enough time in between to get done with the admission process." ■