



Legal trouble: Students at the National Law School, Bangalore. Around 14,000 candidates were expected to sit for the test.

Exam paper leakage: law admission test postponed

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The Common Law Admission Test, or CLAT, in which students compete for seats in 11 national law schools, has been postponed because of evidence that the test material was tampered with, the convenor of the examination said in a statement on the test's website on Wednesday.

Around 14,000 candidates were expected to sit for the test that had been scheduled for 17 May.

Two locked and sealed boxes containing CLAT-2009 test material were 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", said the statement.

"In view of the above, there is no

other alternative except to postpone the CLAT-2009 test both for undergraduate and postgraduate courses," it said.

The statement was signed by Veer Singh, convenor of CLAT and vice chancellor of the National Academy of Legal Studies and Research in Hyderabad, one of the schools participating in the test.

CLAT was launched in 2008, and this would only be the second edition of the common test.

Senthil Kumar, national marketing head for Law School Tutorials, a division of test preparatory company **Career Launcher**, said some students had become nervous because of a change in subjects on which they would be tested.

The change was announced by the test committee recently and "some sets of students will be happy" with the cushion that the postponement provides, Kumar added.