

CAT results likely to be delayed

IIMs Not Decided On New Date For Those Who Couldn't Take Tests

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RESULTS of the glitch-ridden computerised edition of the Common Admission Test 2009 for admissions to elite B-schools may be delayed. While the convenor of the exam told ET that the results could be delayed by a few days from the original scheduled date of January 22, another person close to the developments said it could stretch to February 2010.

The exam was conducted online for the first time this year in tandem with US firm Prometric but was marred by a series of software glitches. The Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs), which administer the test, had earlier announced that they would give out a fresh date for those who could not ap-

pear for the test due to the technical problems. "We have not yet decided on the new date. IIMs, Prometric and NIIT are working on co-ordinating labs and test centres for the final test date. Hopefully, we will announce something by Monday," CAT convenor Prof Satish Deodhar said.

Around 2.40 lakh students applied for the exam this year, of which around 2,000 could not take the test as servers came crashing following a virus attack. The faux pas prompted the Ministry of Human Resource Development to ask for a report from the IIMs, which was submitted on Dec 16.

"If it were a pen-paper format, we could tell. But, in the case of CBT, it is difficult to say anything at this point," Prof Deodhar said.

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