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CET likely to be advanced to avoid clash with poll dates

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The State Assembly elections slated for April/May are likely to affect the schedule of the Common Entrance Test by a week.

The CET is a gateway for admissions to engineering, pharmacy, agriculture and ayurveda, among others. Last academic year, CET was conducted on May 2 and 3.

Sources in the State government said shuffling the exam dates was inevitable given the manpower required for deployment on election duty. "Several colleges, which would be used as exam centres, would also be needed for poll duty. So it would be in the interest of students to advance the exams by a week," an official said.

A preliminary meeting was conducted by the Karnataka Examinations Authority on Monday to dis-

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TANVEER SAIT
Minister for Primary and Secondary Education



Discuss the matter. Students aspiring for these streams are jittery at the thought of early exams.

Suresh S., a II PU student, said: "If the exam is advanced, we will get one week less to prepare. We can still plan our study schedule if the authorities let us know the timetable much ahead," he said.

The schedule for other exams will also be affected.

PU exams

Minister for Primary and Secondary Education Tanveer Sait, however, pointed out that the II PU exam that is usually spread through

the month may be conducted in 16 days. "We are planning to club some papers for students of different combinations. We will, however, ensure that students are given sufficient breaks between exams of core subjects," he said.

SSLC dates

SSLC exam, too, would be held one week earlier than usual. The Department of Primary and Secondary Education is yet to decide on the timetable for SSLC and II PU exams.

Mr. Sait said the department, after finalising the timetable by mid-Novem-

ber, would write to the State Election Commission. "We will also submit the list of schools and staff we require for the elections to avoid clash," he said.

He, however, added that reshuffling of dates will not be a problem for schools and PU colleges as the number of working days this academic year has been increased compared to the previous year.

Meanwhile, officials in the Medical Education Department said they were waiting for the Central Board of Secondary Education to announce the dates of the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test. "It is an exam to be conducted across the country so it will have to be a common date. We will intimidate the Election Commission regarding the staff who will be involved in this process," a senior official in the department said.

MBBS student ends life, parents cry foul over his death

SHIVAMOGGA: A first-year MBBS student of Shivamogga Institute of Medical Sciences (SIMS) allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself from a ceiling fan in his hostel room on the college premises on Sunday.

The deceased has been identified as Raghu (20), a native of Beguru village, Shikaripur taluk.

It is said, the student had returned to the hostel from his native after a Deepavali break on Sunday evening. He was found hanging from the ceiling fan of his room by his room-mates at 6 pm.

Raghu was taken to the hospital immediately where he was declared brought dead. After the post-mortem, the body was handed to relatives in Beguru at midnight.

Meanwhile, the parents and

relatives of the victim, staged a flash protest on Shikaripur-Honnali road by keeping the body of Raghu on Monday. They alleged that it was a murder and not suicide.

The protesters relented after the police assured them of impartial probe into the suspicious death of the medical student

Sources in SIMS stated that Raghu had told his classmates that some body else may have to perform his role in the skit which was to be performed at freshers day programme slated for October 31.

Raghu had obtained 600th rank in the entrance examination and had obtained the medical seat on merit.

The Doddapete police registered a case.

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