

Online CAT extended to Dec 8

Students can call 'candidate care' for any problem

NEW DELHI, BANGALORE: The Common Admission Test (CAT) authorities on Friday extended the examination schedule by one day till December 8.

"Prometric and the Indian Institutes of Management (IIM) have extended the CAT, 2009 till December 8. CAT 2009 was scheduled to run for 10 days from November 28 to December 7, 2009," the US firm Prometric, which is responsible for conducting the test, said in an official statement.

"We understand and regret the additional stress and inconvenience caused to candidates who have not been able to test on their scheduled day due to technical difficulties," said Ramesh Nava, Prometric vice-president and general manager for Asia Pacific, Japan and Africa.

"We are working with the IIMs to add an additional session on Day 11 to accommodate them within the city they were originally scheduled," Nava said. Prometric had asked the affected students to contact candidate care at 1800 103 9293 and speak to the agents for any problem including change of dates or centres.

About 2.41 lakh students are likely to take the test, which is being conducted in a staggered manner for admission into seven

For smooth run

- Officials cite technical snag for extension
- Additional technicians and hardware to rectify problems
- If exam centres are changed students to be contacted by SMS and e-mail the day before
- Exam was to complete in 10 days

IIMs and a few other B-Schools.

"If the lab at which you are scheduled is not able to deliver the CAT on the day of your scheduled appointment, you will be contacted by SMS and e-mail the day before. If you do not receive any notification, please proceed to your test centre as scheduled," a Prometric representative said.

The firm had deployed additional technicians and hardware to rectify the issues at impacted sites. It had to close down 50 labs at 24 centres on Sunday due to disruption caused by a virus attack.

Meanwhile, the test seems to have reached a level of normalcy after a week of technical problems in the City. The test went ahead smoothly and on schedule at all centres in Bangalore on Friday.

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