

CAT retest in mid-January

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Over 8,000 candidates who faced software glitches during the online Common Admission Test (CAT) will get another opportunity in mid-January, the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) said on Wednesday.

While apologising for failing to hold a flawless CAT, IIMs made it clear that the computer-based format is here to stay.

Pankaj Chandra, director of IIM-Bangalore, said that IIMs will take all steps to help students. "We are making an honest approach to reach out to more and more people. Wherever there are, it will be in our interest to get good candidates," Chandra added.



CAT has disappointed aspiring students

This is with regard to the news item 'Centre may scrap online CAT'. The online format of selection for the CAT examination added misery to already stressed students who prepared for months for the exams. Their expectations were not met due to glitches in the servers and virus problems. The conventional paper-and-pencil mode is a foolproof mechanism to inspire confidence among aspiring students. Need anybody stress that before introducing a new system, there should be a series of dry runs to ensure the system works properly without making students jittery over its non-functionality for no fault of theirs?

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