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# New Act imposes hefty penalty on erring schools

Institutions have to employ teachers with right credentials

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### Teachers can approach DERA if they don't get paid on time

They can also complain if schools don't maintain records of employees with name and qualification

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Teachers employed in private schools now have a forum to complain if the school fails to pay them on time. They can knock on the doors of the District Education Regulatory Authority (DERA) for payment related concerns, or if they do not maintain records of employees with name, qualification and pay scale.

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Chief Secretary of the Department of Primary and Secondary Education, said that several teachers had complained that they were being exploited by school managements by not maintaining their service records or not paying them on time, or paying a meagre salary.

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who has raised the issue of exploitation of teachers in unaided institutions several times in the past, welcomed the move. "Several private institutions do not pay salaries on time, have no job security, terminate teachers without any notice. Such a move will help get their grievances addressed," he said. The new provisions of the legislation – both pertaining to imposing penalty on schools employing underqualified teachers and opening a forum for teacher complaints – have been opposed by private school managements.

D. Shashi Kumar, general

secretary of the Associated Managements of Primary and Secondary Schools in Karnataka, said: "There is a huge shortage of teachers, particularly English-medium teachers. It would be difficult for private schools to comply with this," he said. In fact, he also pointed out that the Ministry of Human Resource Development had amended the Act to set March 2019 as the deadline for appointing trained teachers.

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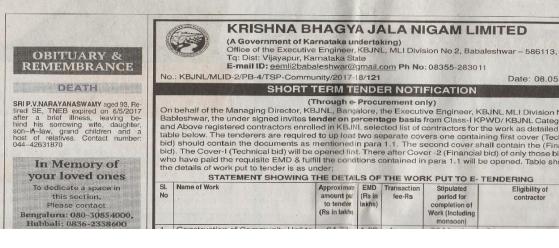
#### Bidri art revival workshop at CKP

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The Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath (CKP), in association with the Higher Education Department, Government of Karnataka, will organise a Bidri art revival workshop and exhibition between May 10 and 20 on the parishat premises on Kumara Krupa Road. For further details, call 080-22261816.

#### National symposium on road safety report

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Hefty fines on schools with unqualified teachers

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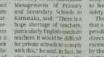


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