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## FRONT PAGE NEWS

# New Act imposes hefty penalty on erring schools

## Institutions have to employ teachers with right credentials

**TANU KULKARNI**  
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If private schools affiliated to the State board appoint teachers without the right qualifications or fail to display their education status in a prominent place at the institution, they will be fined up to ₹5 lakh.

This is one of the provisions of The Karnataka Education (Second Amendment) Act, 2017, now gazetted. The penalty is to be imposed only after the District Education Regulatory Authority (DERA) gives the management an opportunity to

present their views. Ajay Seth, Additional Chief Secretary of the Department of Primary Education, said: "Non-compliance due to sudden departure of a qualified teacher will not attract penalty. However, any significant non-compliance continuing over a long period will be viewed seriously, inviting penalty commensurate with nature and extent of non-compliance, besides being put in the public domain for information of parents," he said. According to the National Council for Teacher Education, a lower primary

teacher must have a diploma in teacher education and must have completed PU or equivalent course. An upper primary teacher needs to have completed graduation and completed a D.Ed. or B.Ed. A high school teacher needs to have completed graduation and B.Ed.

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criticism. Even in mid-February, an ambulance was stuck in Hoskote for over 25

...when an ambulance or emergency vehicle is in question, it should be

ing traffic". "This is not correct. The instructions should be conveyed to all

at the spur of the moment and need to be handled with maturity," he said.

R. HITENDRA, Additional Commissioner (Traffic)

# 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

TANU KULKARNI  
BENGALURU

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.

This provision is part of the Karnataka Education (Second Amendment) Act, 2017.

Ajay Seth, Additional

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.

Shobha S., who works in a private school, said this was a long-pending demand and would finally empower teachers to get their grievances addressed.

Basavaraj Horatti, MLC, 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 under-qualified 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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The Act also stipulates that a private school can be penalised up to ₹10 lakh and directed to refund money if excess amount is collected by the institution as fees. In matters pertaining to child safety, a school management member can be punished with a minimum term of six months and fine of ₹1 lakh. The educational institution, after an enquiry, may have to pay up to ₹10 lakh and also risks withdrawal of its recognition or affiliation.

## 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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### OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

#### DEATH

SRI P.V.NARAYANASWAMY aged 93, Retired SE, TNEB expired on 6/5/2017 after a brief illness, leaving behind his sorrowing wife, daughter, son-in-law, grand children and a host of relatives. Contact number: 044-42631870

### In Memory of your loved ones

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### SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-Procurement only)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer, KBJNL MLI Division No 2, Babaleswar, the under signed invites tender on percentage basis from Class-I KPWD/ KBJNL Category and Above registered contractors enrolled in KBJNL selected list of contractors for the work as detailed table below. The tenderers are required to up load two separate covers one containing first cover (Technical bid) should contain the documents as mentioned in para 1.1. The second cover shall contain the (Financial bid). The Cover-I (Technical bid) will be opened first. There after Cover -2 (Financial bid) of only those bidders who have paid the requisite EMD & fulfill the conditions contained in para 1.1 will be opened. Table showing the details of work put to tender is as under:

#### STATEMENT SHOWING THE DETAILS OF THE WORK PUT TO E- TENDERING

Sl. No	Name of Work	Approximate amount put to tender (Rs in lakhs)	EMD (Rs in lakhs)	Transaction fee-Rs	Stipulated period for completion of Work (including monsoon)	Eligibility of contractor
1	Construction of Community Hall at	2.50	1.00	1000	30 days	Class-I

# THE HINDU

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## Hefty fines on schools with unqualified teachers

**Tanu Kulkarni**

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Private schools affiliated to the state board that appoint teachers without the right qualification or fail to display their names and education status in a prominent place in the institution will have to cough up a fine of up to ₹ 5 lakh.

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Ajay Seth, Additional Chief Secretary of the Department of Primary Education, said that the department would take into consideration faced by school managements in retaining good and qualified teachers. “A non-compliance due to sudden departure of a qualified teacher will not attract the penalty. However any significant non-compliance continuing over long period will be viewed seriously inviting penalty commensurate to the nature and extent of non-compliance besides being put in the public domain for information of parents,” he said.

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## 200-ft-deep sinkhole appears overnight in KGF

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