

# Decision on advancing board exams not final

CBSE Chairman RK Chaturvedi addressed concerns of school principals

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Putting confusion over advancing the board exams to temporary rest, chairman of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), on Saturday, said no decision has been taken yet in this regard.

Chaturvedi was in the city as part of a workshop organised by Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), held for principals across the Ajmer region that covers Maharashtra, Gujarat and Rajasthan.

“The idea to advance the exam struck as we realised that to conduct exams of 86 subjects, we would need 45 days, leaving no time for children to prepare for entrance exams like JEE and NEET. Hence, it was thought that instead of commencing exams from March, we would advance it by four or five days and start in February”

“However, nothing has been finalised yet. As of today, exams will start from March 1 onwards. A committee has been appointed to look into the nitty-gritties of the same, and a report will be submitted next month. Based on the report, a decision will be taken, said Chaturvedi.”

Speaking about NCERT books



Rajesh Kumar Chaturvedi, Chairman of CBSE and Dr Sunil Shukla, Director, EDII at EDII Campus

used by schools, Chaturvedi clarified that CBSE recommends the use of NCERT books. He said, “For multi-level learning, you may use books by other publishers. But for content validation, the school will have to take responsibility.

When the principal of a Vadodara school asked how to handle situations where they are sent to check board papers in April, Chaturvedi said, “Why do you start your session in April, not July? You teach from April to charge a higher fee. Kids lose their childhood to studies these days. They cannot learn everything in a 40X20 classroom. Send them on excursions for them to learn life.”

## ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- Chaturvedi also announced that CBSE is likely to include Entrepreneurship as a subject from Class 11 onwards
- **Entrepreneurial potential should be identified at the secondary school level during the developmental stage. The possibility of self employment as a career option is still open and awareness is being spread among a broad range of people**