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## Civic school students back in classroom after 40 days

KAUSA: Over 6,200 Thane Municipal Corporation-run (TMC) students are a happy lot as they will get their classrooms back after a span of 40 days. These students were forced to stay home much prior to Diwali vacation, as their school building in Kausa, housing nine schools, was declared dangerous. All these students had to skip their half yearly exams.

All these students will attend regular classes at a new location from Thursday onwards. Students were relieved with this news, but were tensed about their exams as well. Finally, after 40 days, the TMC's education department has arranged for an alternative place, which is an under-construction civic school and stadium at Shimla Park, Kausa.

The new building is designed to accommodate all nine schools, as a replacement of the old and dilapidated ones which was shut on October 12. The half-yearly exam, which was called off, will be now held from November 25. "We are not well-versed with the chapters that were to be covered during the lapse period. Now, exams are on our head and I am scared how to write the papers," said Anish Shaik, a student.

"In the meantime, we were in quest of finding suitable places to shift the students and have finally zeroed in on our new school

compound and nearby stadium. As many as 20 class rooms have been spruced up at both places to run two batches. The new question papers are set to conduct the exams from Monday," said Dr Ganpat More, TMC education officer. As many as 12 classrooms have been created at the under-construction school and eight more at the stadium premises.

"We will continue the classes at these two places till the end of this academic year, by that time our new building should be ready. With the reopening to schools after summer vacation we will shift the students to our full-fledged set up," said More, adding that extra coaching has been arranged for students from Thursday to Sunday to complete the remaining portions in a run up to the exams.