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State will soon have dedicated panel for university appointments

BENGALURU: The state will soon have a dedicated commission for making appointments at universities across the state as the State Department of Higher Education has decided to set up a 'universities appointment commission'.

The universities appointment commission will be set up in line with the Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) and once it is ready, all the appointments, teaching and non-teaching, will be made through it.

Once the commission is ready, the vice-chancellors of the state universities will not have any role in the appointments. According to sources from the department, this commission is being set up to bring transparency in appointments at universities.

State Higher Education Minister Basavaraja Rayareddi said, "To avoid malpractices in appointments at the universities, we have decided to set up a commission. The decision has been taken and we need to announce it officially."

"The functionality of the commission will be similar to KPSC. Presently, for the posts at universities, the appointments are being done at the level of universities/V-Cs and for first-grade colleges by the collegiate department through the Karnataka Examinations Authority," Rayareddi explained.

According to Rayareddi, some of the universities in the state have become corrupt when it comes to appointments. "There is a need to bring in transparency in the appointments. We have been receiving complaints against some of the universities violating norms while making appointments. We need to end all such malpractices and the commission will serve the purpose," he said.

However, the department has not taken any decision about the person, who will head the commission.

Sources from the department told Express, "As per the discussion, the principal secretary of higher education will be given the responsibility of

heading the commission as the appointments will not be made throughout the year.”