

Private engg colleges to have separate CET

Mumbai: Like medical aspirants, students aiming for an engineering career will have to write two common entrance tests (CETs), one each for government and private engineering colleges.

The Pravesh Niyamtran Samiti which monitors admissions, has permitted the Association of Private Unaided Engineering Colleges (APUEC)—that represents 118 technology colleges—to conduct its own CET. The test date will be decided later. "Conducting our own CET will enable students from across India to appear for the exam. It will solve our problem of vacant seats," said APUEC president Balasaheb Wagh. The state will conduct the CET for medical and engineering on May 21. The Association of Managements of Unaided Private Medical and Dental Colleges which represents private medical institutes will have its CET on May 1.

Earlier, the engineering CET was conducted by the directorate of technical education, wherein 65 per cent of seats were filled by the government, 15 per cent were reserved for the All-India Engineering Entrance Examination and 20 per cent was management quota. TNN