

CBI Team Starts Detailed Inspection Streak of MCI scam reaches city private medical college

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Lucknow: Central Bureau of Investigations (CBI) on Wednesday reached the campus of a medical college in Balaganj locality under Thakurganj police station of the Old city and started a detailed inspection of documentation related to the registration, government sanction and approval of the Medical Council of India (MCI) to the institute.

Sources in the CBI said that the inspection was sequel to the April 22, 2010 arrest of MCI chief Ketan Desai and recovery of Rs 2 crore in cash that he had received allegedly to provide an MCI approval to a medical college coming up in Punjab.

Subsequently, CBI conducted raids at two private medical institutes in Bareilly district of Uttar Pradesh following reports that the two in-



SEQUEL TO ARREST OF KETAN DESAI

stitutes had also bribed the MCI to procure its mandatory approval and recognition to start with the private medical college.

Investigations into the Dr Ketan Desai case provided CBI with a list of nearly a 100 medical colleges across the coun-

try which were awarded MCI approval and recognition by Desai despite the failure of the institutes' management to equip their institutes with prerequisites. The private medical college in the Old City happens to be one of the institutes that have come under the CBI scanner because of the Ketan Desai angle.

"The inspection has just begun and is sure to take a couple of days before the documents provided by the management will be collected and subsequently dispatched to the respective government authorities for their verification," said a senior CBI officer associated with the probe. "It is only after this much of the exercise is completed that the agency will be in a position to comment whether the institute had adopted any unfair means or shortcuts to obtain the necessary clearances," he said.