

CET of pvt medical colleges in Kerala 'void': HC

Kochi: Kerala High Court on Monday declared as "void and inoperative" the Common Entrance Test (CET) conducted by an association of private medical colleges for management quota seats in its 11 member colleges for 2010-11 academic year.

Allowing petitions by three candidates who failed to secure admission, Justice S Sirijagan held that the Kerala Private Medical Colleges Management Association was not entitled to make admissions based on CET. The petitioners, Rizwana and two others, had challenged the legality of the test conducted on May 30 last.

The court directed the association to make admissions to management quota based on Common Entrance rank list of the Entrance Commissioner appointed by the state government. The court said the admission procedures did not satisfy the triple test — fair, transparency and non-exploitative.

Justice Sirijagan also found the CET was not supervised by the Admission Supervisory Committee headed by Justice P A Mohammed. The Committee also informed the court that there was no prior information about the conduct of the test. The test was conducted for 550 seats in 11 colleges under the association.

The court found that admission was not made as per law declared by the Supreme Court and High Court.¶¶