

IIT Admissions - SC Lifts the Stay

Why in news?

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The Supreme Court lifted its stay on admissions to the Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT) across the country.

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Why did the Supreme Court impose a stay?

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- Bonus marks were given to compensate for wrong questions in two of the papers.

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- They were granted irrespective of whether a candidate had answered these questions or not.

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- The exam was conducted this year by the IIT Madras and the decision to give bonus marks were taken by it.

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- The court had ordered a freeze (stay) on the admission process after a petition was filed in this regard.

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What the petitioner argued?

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- The petitioner had argued that a blanket award of 18 bonus marks to all candidates, across the board, was both “arbitrary and wrong.”

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- Due to the distribution of bonus marks, nearly 20,000 students, who did not deserve, qualified the cut-off.

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- This has adversely affected several meritorious students.

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What was the recent move?

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- Recently the SC asked the High Courts not to entertain petitions regarding this issue to “avoid any confusion” in future.
- Further the court warned the IIT authorities not to repeat the mistake again.
- Subsequently the court lifted the stay order.

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Quick Fact

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- The Joint Entrance Exam (Advanced) is the second phase of the IIT entrance tests and is conducted by one of the IITs annually.
- The All India Rank list is prepared subsequently and various IITs are allotted to successful candidates.

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