ID confusion puts CAT aspirant through agony

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BANGALORE: On Day 10, a girl was forced to run from pillar to post due to multiple admit cards sent to her for the Common Admission Test (CAT) 2009 at one of testing centres in Bangalore on Monday.

Shilpa (name changed) had carried the last admit card among four such cards received from Prometric, which is conducting the test for the Indian Institutes of Management.

However, on reaching the testing centre she was told that her ID mentioned on the card did not match that allotted to her and that she should contact the candidate care to get the right testing ID.

After some tense hours, the candidate was eventually allowed to take the test with a different ID in the second session — between 1 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. — even though the schedule allotted to her was at 10 a.m.

Considering she had been running from pillar to post since 8 a.m., she said all that mental agony had resulted in her not performing up to expectations despite the hard work she had put in.

Meanwhile, the IIMs and Prometric on Monday announced that a new test date will be announced in a fortnight to provide an opportunity to all candidates who have not been able to test so far due to genuine reasons. Prometric will inform them about the date and the venue.

As per original schedule, December 7 was the last date for testing but it was extended by a day (till December 8) due to a series of now-notorious technical glitches.