

F.No.37 - 1 / 2026 - TS.III  
Government of India  
Ministry of Education (Shiksha Mantralaya)  
Department of Higher Education  
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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,  
dated, the 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Re-constitution of Central Seat Allocation Board (CSAB) for the academic year 2026-2027- regarding.**

In pursuance to the decision taken in the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Council of NITSER (previously Council of NITs) held on 04.07.2012 and decision of the JEE Apex Board on Joint Entrance Examination (Main) and (Advanced) and in accordance with this Ministry's Office Memorandum of even number dated 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2013, the admissions to undergraduate engineering programs in the National Institutes of Technology (NITs), Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IIST), Shibpur, Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs), other Centrally Funded Technical Institutions (CFTIs), Institutions under several participating State Governments, and several other Institutions are being made on the basis of performance of students in the Joint Entrance Examination (Main) since 2013.

2. The joint seat allocation process / common counselling through Joint Seat Allocation Authority (JoSAA) has been put in place from the academic year 2015 - 2016 onwards as per recommendations of the Technical Committee. The common counseling is being conducted by JoSAA for admission of students to Centrally Funded Technical Institutions mentioned in para 1 above. For this purpose, the IITs-JAB (Joint Admission Board) and NITs-CSAB (Central Seat Allocation Board) enters into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to facilitate joint seat allocation process.

3. As per communication F.No.19-5/2014-TS.I dated 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 (**Annexure-I**), the following changes were approved in the JEE pattern w.e.f. the academic year 2017 - 2018:-

- (i) There shall be no weightage for the 12<sup>th</sup> Class marks in calculating the ranks in the JEE (Main).
- (ii) For the candidates to qualify for admission in the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) / National Institutes of Technology (NITs) / Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs) and such other Centrally Funded Technical Institutions (CFTIs) whose admissions are based on the JEE ranks, they should have secured at least 75% marks in the 12<sup>th</sup> Class, or be in the top 20 percentile in the 12<sup>th</sup> Class exam conducted



by the respective Boards. For SC / ST students, the qualifying marks would be 65% in the 12<sup>th</sup> Class exam.

4. The responsibility of CSAB for the academic year 2026-2027 has been entrusted to the Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IEST), Shibpur (West Bengal) vide letter of even number dated 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 (**Annexure-II**). In order to facilitate allocation of seats to students in respect of NITs, IITs, IEST-Shibpur and other CFTIs (as mentioned in para 1), the Central Seat Allocation Board (CSAB) - 2026 is hereby constituted with Prof. V.M.S.R. Murthy, Director, IEST, Shibpur (West Bengal) as the Chairperson of the CSAB - 2026 and the Directors of all the remaining 31 NITs, 05 IITs and other CFTIs as the Members of the CSAB - 2026. In addition, the following shall also be the members of CSAB - 2026 as per previous practices:

(i)	Bureau Heads of the NITs or his/her representative, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education.	Member
(ii)	Director / Deputy Secretary (IITs), D/o Higher Education, Ministry of Education.	Member
(iii)	Nominee of the National Informatics Centre, New Delhi.	Member
(iv)	Nominee of the National Testing Agency, Delhi.	Member
(v)	Nominee of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi.	Member

5. Allocation of seats in the Participating Institutions during the academic year 2026-2027 shall be the responsibility of CSAB - 2026. The seats will be filled up as per the merit list prepared on the basis of JEE (Main) Examination - 2026. For this purpose, the CSAB - 2026 shall ensure compilation and wide dissemination of information relating to the Participating Institutions, highlighting specifics in case of each of the Institutes, wherever necessary. CSAB - 2026 will take all necessary steps as already enunciated vide this Ministry's letter No.F.35-6/2011-TS.III dated 12th January, 2012 and ensure proper scheduling and transparency of the admission process including coordinating with NIC for the desired support. Besides, CSAB - 2026 would be especially responsible for:-

- (i) Entering into a MoU with IITs - Joint Admission Board (JAB) to conduct joint seat allocation / common counseling process for the academic year 2026-2027.
- (ii) Fixing the supernumerary seats for girls so as to ensure that % of girls' students in all Institutions should be not less than 20% in 2026 [Reference F.No.35-8/2017-TS.III dated 30th October, 2017 (**Annexure-III**)].
- (iii) Ensuring that the Institutions concerned have prepared their seat matrixes taking into account the extent of reservation prescribed by the Government of India from time to time;
- (iv) Finalization of procedure and schedule for seat allocation;

- (v) Finalization of resource centres and help centres and making necessary arrangements at those centres;
- (vi) Printing of brochure, designing on-line choice filling forms;
- (vii) Maintenance of website and upfront declarations of procedures, rules and other specific guidelines related to the counseling process;
- (viii) Distribution and collection of seat choices on-line;
- (ix) Filling up of supernumerary quota at 2007 level as per this Ministry's letter dated 6th August, 2012 (**Annexure-IV**);
- (x) Laying down of procedure for verification of certificates and credentials;
- (xi) Coordinating with concerned agencies for seat allotment against State / UT - quota seats;
- (xii) Any Court Case arising out of the seat allocation process in respect of NITs for 2026-27 shall be handled by CSAB-2026 (IEST, Shibpur);
- (xiii) Inclusion of Self-Financing Technical Institutions (SFTIs) under the CSAB - 2026 in accordance with guidelines issued by the Ministry on 24th June, 2019 (**Annexure-V**);
- (xiv) Participating HEIs which are not Universities / INIs, seat approval from (a) AICTE as regulator for engineering programmes and (b) COA for architecture programmes, may be ensured before announcing the seats matrix for counselling;
- (xv) CSAB to create a mechanism, in conjunction with NIC to monitor, at the backend, problem, if any, faced by any candidate in online payment and proactively resolve the same, by establishing a call center to reach out to such candidates; and
- (xvi) Any other task(s) related to counseling and allocation of seats against All-India quota.

6. The pending matters with CCB-2008 (MNNIT - Allahabad), CCB-2009 (NIT - Warangal), CCB-2010 (VNIT - Nagpur), CCB-2011 (NITK - Surathkal) and CCB-2012 & CSAB-2013 (NIT - Rourkela), CSAB-2014 (MNIT - Jaipur), CSAB-2015 & CSAB-2016 (NIT - Patna), CSAB-2017 & CSAB-2018 (MNIT - Jaipur), CSAB-2019 (NIT - Tiruchirappalli), CSAB-2020 (MNNIT - Allahabad), CSAB-2021 (MNIT - Jaipur), CSAB-2022 & CSAB-2023 (NIT - Rourkela), CSAB-2024 (NITK - Surathkal) and CSAB-2025 (NIT - Rourkela) shall be handled by the respective Coordinating NITs. The unutilized funds, if any, are to be transferred to the corpus fund of the Institute concerned. The Institutes shall remain responsible for any residual liability of their respective CCB / CSAB including Court Cases.

7. To meet the expenses of CSAB - 2026, NTA will transfer 10% of application fee collected for conduct of JEE (Main) - 2026 to CSAB- 2026 (IEST, Shibpur) in a single installment before the seat allocation process starts. On completion of the seat allocation process, the CSAB shall close its accounts as soon as possible and submit audited Utilization Certificates (UCs) to NTA with copies to this Ministry for records. Any unutilized funds arising out of transfer of 10% of application fee mentioned above will be transferred to the corpus of CSAB

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organizing Institute. The Directors of Institutes, which coordinated previous CCB / CSAB shall be responsible for submitting the audited UCs to NTA within the stipulated date.

8. To achieve the objectives, CSAB - 2026 shall meet as often as required. The CSAB shall hold general meetings with all or create Sub-Committees / Groups of some of the Participating Institutions to facilitate better coordination. All Participating Institutions shall provide to the Board necessary assistance as may be required by it. On matters of policy, the CSAB shall abide by the directions of the Central Government, issued from time to time.

9. Any Court Case arising out of the seat allocation process conducted by the CSABs shall be handled by the respective CSAB Coordinating NIT / Institution.

10. The CSAB will follow the reservation policies of the Government of India issued from time to time. The reservation in respect of OBCs shall be as per NCBC's list applicable to the respective place of residence of candidates. Consequent upon completion of counseling process, the CSAB - 2026 shall submit its closure report to the Council of NITSER.

11. In order to bring transparency in allocation of seats, the seats under the Scheme of "Reservation of Seats in Degree Level Technical Courses for States / UTs lacking in such facilities in the AICTE approved Institutions for the academic year 2026-2027 shall be made through CSAB as per the past practice. The seat matrix for the same would be provided by the Director / Deputy Secretary (TC), Department of Higher, Education, Ministry of Education to CSAB- 2026 (IEST, Shibpur).

12. This issues with the approval of competent authority in this Ministry.

Encls.: As mentioned above.



**[Heera Lal]**  
**Deputy Secretary to the Government of India**

For circulation to:-

- (i) Prof. V.M.S.R. Murthy, Chairperson, Central Seat Allocation Board - 2026 and Director, IEST, Shibpur (West Bengal).
- (ii) The Chairman, JAB - 2026 and Director, IIT - Roorkee (Uttar Pradesh).
- (iii) Members, Central Seat Allocation Board - 2026.
- (iv) The Chairman, AICTE, Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi - with the request to kindly nominate a representative of AICTE on the CSAB-2026.
- (v) The Director General, National Testing Agency, First Floor, NSIC-MDBP Building, Okhla Industrial Estate, New Delhi 110020 - with a request to

kindly comply with the provisions of this Office Memorandum and also nominate a representative of NTA on the CSAB - 2026.

- (vi) The Director General, National Informatics Centre (NIC), with a request to nominate a representative of NIC on the CSAB - 2026.
- (vii) The Director / Deputy Secretary (TC), Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, with a request to kindly share the seat matrix with the CSAB - 2026 and inform all the nominating agencies viz. the States / UT Administrations for sharing their data on reservation in these seats, if any, with CSAB- 2026 (IEST, Shibpur).

Copy for information to:-

- (i) The Secretary, Department of Higher Education, MoE. *MS 27/2*
- (ii) The Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, MoE. *27/2/2026*
- (iii) The Joint Secretary (TE), Department of Higher Education, MoE. *— dhe-mhrd,@*
- (iv) The Webmaster, Ministry of Education for placing the O.M. on the website. *nic.in*
- (v) The Webmaster, MNIT - Jaipur for placing the O.M. on the website of the Council of NITSER ([www.nitcouncil.org.in](http://www.nitcouncil.org.in)).

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*25.02.2026*  
[Heera Lal]

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India  
Tel: 23384159



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New Delhi, dated 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016

To  
 The Directors of all IITs  
 Chairman CBSE

**Subject: Notifying changes in JEE 2017**

Sir,

The IIT Council in its meeting held in October 2015 has constituted a Committee of Eminent Persons to suggest ways for improving the system of Joint Entrance Examination (JEE). The Committee has, after due consultation with the stakeholders, has submitted its report to Government, recommending, among other things, to do away with the weightage given to the 12<sup>th</sup> Class examination marks in the JEE (Mains) ranking.

2. The report of the Committee was examined in consultation with the stakeholders and the Departments of the School Education/Higher Education and the following changes have been approved by the Chairman IIT Council in the JEE pattern for 2017:

- a) There shall be no weightage for the 12<sup>th</sup> class marks in calculating the ranks in the JEE Main exam.
- b) For the candidates to qualify for admission in the IITs/NITs/IIITs and such other CFTIs whose admissions are based on the JEE ranks, they should have secured at least 75% marks in the 12<sup>th</sup> Class exam, or be in the top 20 percentile in the 12<sup>th</sup> class exam conducted by the respective Boards. For SC/ST students the qualifying mark would be 65% in the 12<sup>th</sup> Class exam.

There is no other change in the JEE examination system for 2017.

3. The Chairman CBSE and Organising Chairman of JEE (Advanced) are requested to take necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

  
 (R. Subrahmanyam)  
 Additional Secretary (TE)

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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,  
 dated, the 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2024

**ORDER**

**Subject:- Entrustment of responsibilities of CSAB, CCMT and CCMN for the academic years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 - regarding.**

The Hon'ble Education Minister in his capacity as the Chairperson of the Council of National Institutes of Technology, Science Education and Research has approved to entrust following responsibilities of coordinating the activities of CSAB, CCMT and CCMN, as per details given hereunder:-

S. No.	Particulars	Entrusted for Academic Years to	
		Academic Year 2025-2026	Academic Year 2026-2027
(i)	Central Seat Allocation Board (CSAB)	NIT-Rourkela (Odisha)	IEST-Shibpur (West Bengal)
(ii)	Centralized Counseling for admissions to M.Tech. / M.Arch. / M.Plan. programmes through CCMT	NIT-Warangal (Telangana)	NIT-Agartala (Tripura)
(iii)	Centralized Counseling for admission to M.Sc. / M.Sc. (Tech.) programmes through CCMN		

2. Allocation of seats to the eligible candidates, as per the merit, in the Participating Institutes shall be the responsibility of aforesaid Coordinating NITs / IEST. For the purpose, concerned designated Institute shall ensure compilation and wide dissemination of information relating to the Participating Institutions, highlighting specifics in case of each of the Institutes, wherever necessary.

3. The other terms and conditions for smooth operation / functioning of CSAB and CCMT & CCMN will remain same as were conveyed vide this Ministry's communications issued for the previous academic year (2024-2025).

4. All concerned Coordinating Institutes (as mentioned in para 1 above) will take necessary steps already enunciated and shall ensure proper scheduling and transparency of the admission processes including coordinating with NIC / NTA for the desired support.

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5. Necessary Order for re-constitution of CSAB - 2025 & 2026 and CCMT & CCMN - 2025 & 2026 shall be issued separately. Any Court Case(s) arising out of the seat allocation processes shall be handled by the concerned Coordinating Institutions / NITs / IEST mentioned in para 1 for the respective academic years.

6. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

*Veena Dunga*  
11/10/24  
[Veena Dunga]

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

Copy to:-

- (i) The Chairman, CSAB - 2025 and Director, National Institute of Technology, Rourkela (Odisha).
- (ii) The Chairman, CCMT & CCMN - 2025 and Director, National Institute of Technology, Warangal (Telangana).
- (iii) The Chairman, CSAB - 2026 and Director, Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology, Shibpur (West Bengal).
- (iv) The Chairman, CCMT & CCMN - 2026 and Director, National Institute of Technology, Agartala (Tripura).
- (v) The Directors of all remaining NITs.
- (vi) The Director, IIT, Kanpur - coordinating Institute for JEE (Advance) 2025.
- (vii) The Director General, National Testing Agency (NTA).

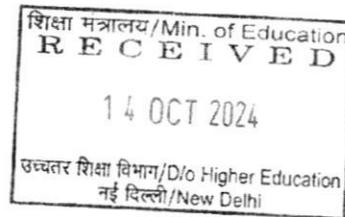
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- (i) PS to Hon'ble Education Minister. *Abulmi*
- (ii) PS to Hon'ble Minister of State in the Ministry of Education.
- (iii) PPS to Secretary (HE), Ministry of Education. *14/10/24*
- (iv) Director, IITs Division, Ministry of Education. *14/10/24*
- (v) PS to Joint Secretary (TE), Ministry of Education. *14/10/24*
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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,  
dated, the 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2017

**Subject:- Increasing Female enrollment in B.Tech. programmes in NITs and IEST, Shibpur – regarding.**

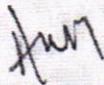
With a view to improve gender balance in the B.Tech. programmes of the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), the Joint Admission Board (JAB) in its meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2016 constituted a Sub Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Timothy A. Gonsalves, Director, Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi to recommend remedial measures thereof.

2. The Committee after detailed deliberations as well as intense consultation with faculty members involved in admission process in IITs, recommended a number of measures including, *inter-alia*, increasing female enrolment to 20% over a period of 2 – 4 years by creating supernumerary seats. The recommendations of the above Committee have been approved by the Council of IITs and conveyed vide MHRD's letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2017.

3. Since, a study has already been conducted by the IITs and the recommendations have also been accepted by the Council of IITs for improving the gender balance in undergraduate programmes in IITs from the academic year 2018 – 2019 onwards, therefore, it has been decided to adopt the following course of action to improve girls' enrolment in NITs and IEST, Shibpur:-

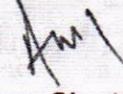
- (i) The number of male students admitted will not be reduced, unless the overall performance of male candidates in JEE (Main) declines vis-à-vis female candidates.
- (ii) Any female candidate who would have got a seat prior to this scheme will get the same or a more preferred seat with this scheme.
- (iii) Rank-based merit shall be strictly followed within the pool of male candidates and within the pool of female candidates.
- (iv) Statutory reservation for Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and for Physically Handicapped (PH) categories will be applicable in the supernumerary seats in the same manner as for the sanctioned seats.
- (v) The Central Seat Allocation Board / Joint Seat Allocation Authority will work out the business rules and detailed procedure for implementing the same.

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- (vi) Increase in female enrolment in B.Tech. programmes of NITs & IEST at the levels prescribed for IITs i.e. from the current to 14% in 2018–19, 17% in 2019–20 and 20% in 2020–21 by creating supernumerary seats in NITs & IEST.
4. This issues with the approval of the competent authority in the Ministry.



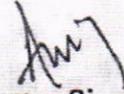
**(Anil Kumar Singh)**  
**Under Secretary to the Government of India**

Copy for necessary action to:-

- (i) The Directors of National Institutes of Technology (NITs).  
(ii) The Director, Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology, Shibpur (West Bengal).

Copy for information to:-

- (i) PS to Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development.  
(ii) PS to Hon'ble Minister of State for Human Resource Development.  
(iii) Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development.  
(iv) Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development.



**(Anil Kumar Singh)**  
**Under Secretary to the Government of India**  
**Tel: 23384897**

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Dated: 06<sup>th</sup>-August, 2012.

To

Prof. S.K. Sarangi,  
 Chairman, CCB 2012-13,  
 National Institute of Technology,  
 Rourkela.

**Subject: Allotment of supernumerary seats in the National Institute of Technology (NITs) during 2011-2012 – regarding.**

Sir,

This ministry has received several representations in connection with reduction of seats by CCB in respect of in UTs of Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli and A&N Islands.

2. A considered view on the matter has been taken in this ministry and it has been decided to restore the total number of seats for these UTs as per 2007 allocations. Following recommendations made by the Chairman CCB-2012 are hereby accepted :-

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- a. 25% supernumerary seats be allotted to Computer Science and Engineering, Electronics and Communication Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering for the UTs which do not have NITs. The remaining 75% supernumerary seats may be filled by other disciplines. This may be announced upfront.
  - b. No supernumerary seats henceforth be provided for the domicile from Meghalaya, Manipur, Nagaland, Mizoram, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh as they already have NITs there.
  - c. Home state Quota for NIT Delhi would be taken as combined for Delhi and Chandigarh together since no socio-economic difference between them exists.
  - d. The supernumerary quota at 2007 level for Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu, Lakshadweep and Kandvi be kept as it is and shall be in addition to the seats already filled up in NITs other than NITs where supernumerary seats are allocated.
  - e. The domicile seats for these UTs will be a part of the NIT without any inter-se distribution between hosting NIT and other UTs it is catering to.

3. In view of above, you are requested to take necessary action immediately for implementation of the above decisions so that the grievances of the affected

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candidates from the UTs of Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli and A&N Islands etc. are resolved at an early.

4. May also kindly inform this Ministry the deficit from the these UTs where the supernumerary seats are requested, based on filling up of seats upto 4<sup>th</sup> round, from these States & UTs.

An early action on the matter would highly be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,



**(Rajesh Singh)**  
**Director (NITs)**  
**Tel.: 23073687**

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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,  
 dated, the 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2019

To

The Chairperson, CSAB - 2019; and  
 Director, National Institute of Technology,  
 Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu - 620015.

**Subject:- Guidelines for inclusion of SFTIs under CSAB - 2019.**

Madam,

I am directed to refer to your email dated 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 vide which clarification / guidelines for inclusion of Self Financed Technical Institutions (SFTIs) under Central Seat Allocation Board (CSAB) - 2019 have been sought from the Ministry.

2. In this context, it may be relevant to mention here that the Ministry of HRD vide letter of even number dated 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 had issued guidelines for inclusion of SFTIs under CSAB-2018. Subsequently, on request of CSAB-2018, the conditions of 2017 under CSAB-2018 were allowed during the year 2018-2019 only (copy enclosed).

3. As far as the guidelines for inclusion of SFTIs under CSAB-2019, the same shall be as follows:-

- (i) SFTI (hereinafter referred as Institute) should have been ranked amongst the top 200 engineering colleges under the NIRF - 2019.
- (ii) At least 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of courses offered by the Institution should be NBA accredited.
- (iii) Courses / Institute should be AICTE approved.
- (iv) All seats shall be brought under CSAB allocation.

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- (v) Instructions issued by CSAB / JoSAA will be followed. An MoU may be signed.
- (vi) Joining fee should be Rs.20 lakh per CSAB year with 15% increase every year.
4. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

  
[K. Rajan]

Under Secretary to the Government of India  
Tel: 23384159

Encl.: as above.

Copy for information to:-

- (i) The Chairman, JoSAA - 2019 and Director, IIT - Roorkee (Uttarakhand).
- (ii) The Chairman, AICTE, Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi.
- (iii) The Director General, National Informatics Centre (NIC), New Delhi.
- (iv) The Director / Deputy Secretary (TC), Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development.