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Government of India  
Ministry of Education  
Department of Higher Education  
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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,  
dated, the 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

**ORDER**

**Subject:- Joint Seat Allocation process for admissions to the Centrally Funded Technical Institutions (CFTIs) – reconstitution of Joint Seat Allocation Authority (JoSAA) – regarding.**

To look into the process flow differences between the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and National Institutes of Technology (NITs) counseling, a Technical Committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of the then Director, IIT–Kharagpur. The Technical Committee had recommended joint seat allocation process from the academic year 2015 – 2016.

2. Accordingly, as per recommendations of the Technical Committee, the joint seat allocation process through Joint Seat Allocation Authority (JoSAA) has been put in place from the academic year 2015 – 2016 onwards after obtaining the approval of the Councils of IITs and NITSER.

3. The common / joint counseling is conducted by JoSAA every year for allocation of seats to the undergraduate programmes of Centrally Funded Technical Institutions (IITs, NITs, IIITs, SPAs & other GFTIs) whose admissions are based on Joint Entrance Examination (JEE). For the purpose of common / joint counseling, the CSAB (NITs) and JAB (IITs) shall enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

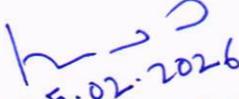
4. With the approval of the competent authority, it has been decided to re-constitute Joint Seat Allocation Authority (JoSAA)–2026, with the following to conduct joint/common counseling for the academic year 2026–2027:

(i)	Chairman, Joint Admission Board (IITs) – 2026 (Prof. Kamal Kishore Pant, Director, IIT, Roorkee)	:	Co-Chairman & Convener
(ii)	Chairman, Central Seat Allocation Board (CSAB) – 2026 (Prof. V.M.S.R. Murthy, Director, IEST, Shibpur)	:	Co-Chairman
(iii)	Chairman, Joint Admission Board (IITs) – 2025 (Prof. Manindra Agrawal, Director, IIT, Kanpur)	:	Member
(iv)	Chairman, Central Seat Allocation Board (CSAB) – 2025 (Prof. K. Umamaheshwar Rao, Director, NIT, Rourkela)	:	Member
(v)	Chairman, Joint Implementation Committee (IITs) – 2026 (IIT-Roorkee)	:	Member

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5. The JoSAA – 2026 may co-opt Member(s) as it may deem fit for smooth coordination and ensure timely implementation of various aspects of joint seat allocation process as per schedule.
6. Any Court Case arising out of the common / joint seat allocation process conducted by JoSAA – 2026 shall be handled by respective authorities [i.e. JAB (IITs-Roorkee) and CSAB (IEST-Shibpur)].
7. Consequent upon completion of the admission process for the academic year 2026 – 2027, the JoSAA – 2026 shall submit a detailed report to the NITs Division of the Ministry for placing it before the Council of NITSER and IITs.
8. This issues with the approval of the competent authority in the Ministry.

  
25.02.2026  
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**Deputy Secretary to the Government of India**

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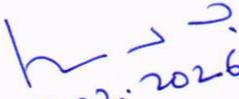
**The JoSAA – 2026 Members  
(as indicated in para 3)**

Copy to:-

1. The Directors of IITs.
2. The Directors of NITs and IEST, Shibpur.
3. The Directors of other CFTIs (as per list).

Copy for information to:-

1. PSO to Secretary (HE), Department of Higher Education.
2. PPS to Additional Secretary (HE), Department of Higher Education.
3. PPS to Joint Secretary (TE), Department of Higher Education.
4. The Director (IITs) / Director (IIITs), Department of Higher Education.
5. The Webmaster, Ministry of Education – with a request to place the communication on the website of Ministry of Education.

  
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