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IIIT JOSAA COUNSELLING & CHOICE FILLING GUIDE 2026

A Rank-Wise Roadmap & Placement Strategy Blueprint For Class 12 Passout
Students

Derived Directly From JoSAA Official Matrix Tables

Category Focus: OPEN Category, Gender-Neutral, All India (AI) Quota Only

Aptitude Scope: Software Systems, Data Infrastructure & Advanced Microcircuits

Unabridged Edition: Includes Full Datasets & Choice Analysis for 5 Stratified Rank Ranges

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1. Understanding the Unique Specialization Blueprint of IIITs

Congratulations on scoring an incredible rank in JEE Main! As a Class 12 graduate looking to step into higher technical education, it is vital to know that **Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs)** follow a fundamentally different model than traditional IITs or NITs. While NITs offer a broad spectrum of legacy fields (like Civil, Chemical, or Mining), IIITs are custom-built to serve the modern tech ecosystem.

Almost every academic track inside a IIIT revolves entirely around **Computer Science (CSE), Information Technology (IT), Artificial Intelligence (AI), or Electronics and Communication (ECE)**. This targeted focus means that even a newly founded IIIT often matches or exceeds older institutions in software development placements, hackathon cultures, and coding profiles.

2. The Step-by-Step JoSAA Choice Allocation Flow

The JoSAA choice execution program reviews your list linearly starting from choice #1 down to your bottom safety anchors. Once your rank satisfies a branch's historical requirement, the engine locks that seat permanently and removes all choices below it. Thus, you must place your highly desirable tech lines at the top, regardless of how ambitious they seem.

The "Float" Strategy Benefit for Tech Tracks

During the seat allotment rounds, if you secure a program that is a solid baseline fit but want an upgraded branch or college listed higher on your choice sheet, select ****Float****. This secures your current choice while leaving you open for upward upgrades in subsequent rounds.

3. Strategy Tier 1: Ranks Between 5,000 – 10,000 (The Premium Tech Powerhouses)

Candidates in this elite tier have access to the absolute flagship computer departments within the specialized institutional system, offering exceptional national placement networks.

Official Closing Ranks Data (5,000 – 10,000 Bracket)

IIIT Name	Course Name	Closing Rank (2025 Matrix)
IIIT Allahabad	Information Technology	6094
IIIT Allahabad	Information Technology-Business Informatics	6150
IIIT Allahabad	Electronics and... Communication Engineering	8050
IIIT Lucknow	Computer Science	8890
IIIT Lucknow	Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence	9008
ABV-IIITM Gwalior	Computer Science and Engineering	9527

How to Structure Your Preference: Strategy & Examples

In this tier, the primary focus centers on **IIIT Allahabad (Information Technology)** versus **IIIT Lucknow (Computer Science)**. IIIT Allahabad's IT program is highly prestigious, routinely competing alongside top-tier NIT computer fields in placement statistics. If your rank sits between 6,000 and 8,000, choosing ECE at IIIT Allahabad provides an excellent pathway, matching pure software career opportunities due to the institution's strong coding environment.

Example Scenario (Student A - Rank 6,120): Student A wants a high-growth coding environment.

- **Option X:** Choose *IIIT Allahabad - IT Business Informatics* (Closes at 6150). This tracks a premium tech domain centered on analytics and business systems.
- **Option Y:** Choose *IIIT Lucknow - Computer Science* (Closes at 8890). This matches a student who prefers a direct focus on core software systems.
- **Recommendation:** Place IIIT Allahabad IT at position #1, followed by Business Informatics at #2, and IIIT Lucknow CSE at #3. This layout ensures you target premier options while keeping high-velocity tracks securely open.

4. Strategy Tier 2: Ranks Between 10,000 – 20,000 (The Core Growth Framework)

This rank range opens up unique, interdisciplinary combinations that blend computer tracks with specialized management analytics and corporate science streams.

Official Closing Ranks Data (10,000 – 20,000 Bracket)

IIIT Name	Course Name	Closing Rank (2025 Matrix)
IIIT Lucknow	Computer Science and Business	10476
IIIT Lucknow	Information Technology	11416
ABV-IIITM Gwalior	Mathematics and Scientific Computing	11710
ABV-IIITM Gwalior	Integrated B. Tech. (IT) and M. Tech (IT) (5 Years)	13473
IIITDM Jabalpur	Computer Science and Engineering	14787
ABV-IIITM Gwalior	Integrated B. Tech. (IT) and MBA (5 Years)	15680
ABV-IIITM Gwalior	Electrical and Electronics Engineering	17366
IIITDM Jabalpur	Computer Science and Engineering	19069
IIITDM Kancheepuram	Computer Science and Engineering with Major in AI	19533

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This tier introduces two key alternatives: ****Integrated 5-Year Masters Programs at ABV-IIITM Gwalior**** and ****Flagship 4-Year CSE programs at established design centers like IIITDM Jabalpur or Kancheepuram****. For instance, Gwalior's 5-Year IT + MBA dual-degree track (15680) fits students interested in technical product management roles.

Understanding the Design & Manufacturing (DM) Specialization

Institutions like IIITDM Jabalpur and Kancheepuram include an integrated focus on product engineering alongside computer modules. If you select **CSE with a Major in AI at Kancheepuram (19533)**, you benefit from a specialized, data-focused curriculum that is well-suited for machine learning paths.

Example Scenario (Student B - Rank 14,200): Student B wants a classic 4-year degree profile but values high-end institutional standing.

1. IIIT Lucknow – Information Technology (Ambitious upgrade line)
2. ABV-IIITM Gwalior – Mathematics and Scientific Computing (Strong analytic alternative)
3. IIITDM Jabalpur – Computer Science and Engineering (Direct target match)
4. ABV-IIITM Gwalior – Integrated B.Tech (IT) and M.Tech (IT)

5. Strategy Tier 3: Ranks Between 20,000 – 30,000 (The Flagship Tech Cluster)

This bracket represents a very high concentration of competitive computer lines across popular, modern regional institutions throughout the country.



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Official Closing Ranks Data (20,000 – 30,000 Bracket)

IIIT Name	Course Name	Closing Rank (2025 Matrix)
IIITDM Jabalpur	Electronics and Communication Engineering	18809
IIIT Pune	Computer Science and Engineering	21029
IIIT Guwahati	Computer Science and Engineering	22739
IIITDM Kancheepuram	Computer Science and Engineering (5 Years, Dual Degree)	23187
IIIT Vadodara (Gujarat)	Computer Science and Engineering	24840
IIITDM Kancheepuram	B.Tech ECE and M.Tech Microelectronics & VLSI (5 Years)	24892
IIIT Bhopal	Computer Science and Engineering (Artificial Intelligence)	25497
IIIT Bhopal	Computer Science and Engineering	25848
IIITDM Kancheepuram	Electronics and Communication Engineering	25834
IIIT Bhopal	Computer Science and Engineering (Data Science)	26038
IIIT Vadodara (Gujarat)	Artificial Intelligence	26526
IIIT Surat	Computer Science and Engineering (AI and ML)	26485
IIIT Surat	Computer Science and Engineering	26510
IIIT Sri City (Chittoor)	Computer Science and Engineering	26387
IIIT Surat	Computer Science and Engineering (Cyber Security)	27009
IIIT Tiruchirappalli	Computer Science and Engineering (AI & Data Science)	27113
IIIT Sri City (Chittoor)	Artificial Intelligence and Data Science	27291
IIIT Pune	Electronics and Communication Engineering	27380
IIIT Kota (Rajasthan)	Artificial Intelligence and Data Engineering	27400
IIIT Nagpur	CSE (Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning)	27752
IIIT Tiruchirappalli	Computer Science and Engineering	28335
IIIT Vadodara (Gujarat)	Information Technology	28579
IIITDM Kancheepuram	B.Tech ECE and M.Tech Communication Systems (5 Years)	28850
IIIT Nagpur	Computer Science and Engineering	29123
IIIT Bhopal	Computer Science and Engineering (Cyber Security)	29494

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This wide cluster allows you to explore specialized paths like ****IIIT Pune CSE (21029)**** or ****IIIT Guwahati CSE (22739)****. These options place you directly into active regional technical centers with strong tech pipelines. Alternatively, you can target specialized fields like ****Cyber Security at IIIT Surat (27009)**** or ****AI & Data Science at IIIT Sri City (27291)****.

Example Scenario (Student C - Rank 25,600): Student C wants a direct software-focused path.

- **Path 1:** List *IIIT Bhopal CSE (Artificial Intelligence)* at 25497 or *IIIT Bhopal CSE* at 25848. This targets an institutional hub with excellent connectivity.
- **Path 2:** Choose specialized fields such as *IIIT Surat (AI & ML)* at 26485 or *IIIT Sri City CSE* at 26387, ensuring a modern curriculum right from your first semester.
- **Path 3:** Select *IIIT Pune ECE (27380)*. This gives you access to Pune's strong local technology placement ecosystem while pursuing software electives independently.

6. Strategy Tier 4: Ranks Between 30,000 – 50,000 (The Diversified Fields Matrix)

This wide bracket features a diverse array of foundational electronics tracks, data options, and core mathematical lines across multiple regional centers.



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Official Closing Ranks Data (30,000 – 50,000 Bracket)



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IIIT Name	Course Name	Closing Rank (2025 Matrix)
IIIT Nagpur	CSE (Data Science and Analytics)	30477
IIIT Guwahati	Electronics and Communication Engineering	30554
IIIT Bhopal	B.Tech in Mathematics and Computing	32119
IIIT Sonapat (Haryana)	Computer Science and Engineering	32506
IIIT Tiruchirappalli	ECE (VLSI Design)	32763
IIIT Kottayam	CSE with specialization in AI & Data Science	32780
IIIT Kota (Rajasthan)	Electronics and Communication Engineering	33035
IIITDM Kurnool	Computer Science and Engineering	33147
IIIT Bhopal	Information Technology	33182
IIIT Bhopal	CSE (Cyber Physical System)	33229
IIIT Una (Himachal)	Computer Science and Engineering	33408
IIIT Sri City (Chittoor)	Electronics and Communication Engineering	33596
IIIT Nagpur	CSE (Human Computer Interaction & Gaming Tech)	33893
IIIT Una (Himachal)	Computer Science and Engineering (Data Science)	34479
IIIT Una (Himachal)	Computer Science and Engineering (Cyber Security)	35166
IIIT Sonapat (Haryana)	CSE (Data Science & Analytics)	35928
IIIT Surat	Electronics and Communication Engineering	36049
IIITDM Kurnool	Computer Science and Engineering (5 Years, Dual Degree)	36181
IIIT Nagpur	ECE (Internet of Things)	36372
IIIT Raichur (Karnataka)	Computer Science and Engineering	36760
IIIT Ranchi	CSE (with Specialization of Data Science and AI)	36988
IIIT Bhopal	Electronics and Communication Engineering	37001
IIITDM Kurnool	Artificial Intelligence and Data Science	37040
IIIT Kalyani (West Bengal)	CSE (Artificial Intelligence & Data Science)	37118
IIIT Sonapat (Haryana)	Information Technology	37385
IIIT Raichur (Karnataka)	Artificial Intelligence and Data Science	37850
IIIT Vadodara (Gujarat)	Electronics and Communication Engineering	37951
IIIT Ranchi	Computer Science and Engineering	38063

IIIT Name	Course Name	Closing Rank (2025 Matrix)
IIITDM Kancheepuram	B.Tech Mechanical & M.Tech AI and Robotics (5 Years)	38708
IIIT Tiruchirappalli	Electronics and Communication Engineering	38827
IIIT Vadodara Int. Diu	Computer Science and Engineering	39231
IIIT Kottayam	Electronics and Communication Engineering	39326
IIITDM Kancheepuram	Engineering Physics	39727
IIIT Raichur (Karnataka)	Mathematics and Computing	39805
IIIT Kottayam	Computer Science and Engineering	40217
IIIT Kottayam	CSE with specialization in Cyber Security	40718
IIIT Nagpur	Electronics and Communication Engineering	40844
IIIT Bhopal	Physics and Computational Engineering	41099
IIIT Dharwad	Computer Science and Engineering	41121
IIIT Kalyani (West Bengal)	Computer Science and Engineering	41418
IIIT Ranchi	B.Tech in Mathematics and Computing	41831
IIIT Una (Himachal)	Electronics and Communication Engineering	42197
IIIT Vadodara Int. Diu	Artificial Intelligence	42565
IIIT Dharwad	Data Science and Artificial Intelligence	43328
IIIT Bhagalpur	Electronics and Communication Engineering	43576
IIITDM Kurnool	Electronics & Communication Eng. (5 Years, Dual Degree)	43687
IIITDM Kurnool	Electronics and Communication Engineering	44105
IIITDM Kancheepuram	Mechanical Engineering	44137
IIIT Agartala	Computer Science and Engineering	44304
IIIT Kalyani (West Bengal)	Computer Science and Engineering (Cyber Security)	44403
IIITDM Jabalpur	Mechanical Engineering	44435
IIIT Bhagalpur	Computer Science and Engineering	44476
IIIT Ranchi	ECE (with Specialization of Embedded Systems and IoT)	44503
IIIT Vadodara Int. Diu	Electronics and Communication Engineering	44651
IIIT Ranchi	Electronics and Communication Engineering	45216
IIIT Ranchi	Mathematics and Computing	45422

IIIT Name	Course Name	Closing Rank (2025 Matrix)
IIIT Bhagalpur	Electronics and Communication Engineering	45440
IIIT Dharwad	Electronics and Communication Engineering	47163
IIIT Kalyani (West Bengal)	Electronics and Communication Engineering	47163
IIIT Bhagalpur	Mechatronics and Automation Engineering	49387

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This wide bracket features excellent core opportunities, such as **Mathematics and Computing at IIIT Bhopal (32119)** or **CSE at IIIT Sonapat (32506)**. Additionally, fields like **ECE with a specialization in VLSI Design at IIIT Tiruchirappalli (32763)** map directly out to high-demand engineering careers, matching standard programming options in placement support.

Example Scenario (Student D - Rank 35,500): Student D is looking for a versatile tech track with a balanced workload.

- **Option 1 (Branch Specialization):** Prioritize *IIIT Una CSE (Cyber Security) at 35166* or *IIIT Sonapat CSE (Data Science) at 35928* to focus directly on modern technical disciplines.
- **Option 2 (Core Analytical Path):** Select *IIIT Raichur Mathematics and Computing (39805)* or *IIIT Ranchi Mathematics and Computing (41831)*. These fields build strong analytical foundations that translate exceptionally well into algorithmic software design or high-end financial computing roles.
- **Option 3 (Circuits & Systems):** Choose *IIIT Surat ECE (36049)* or *IIIT Nagpur ECE (40844)* to pivot toward hardware engineering while retaining full access to software recruitment tracks.

7. Strategy Tier 5: Ranks Between 50,000 – 80,000 (Specialized Manufacturing Niche)

This tier features specialized mechanical design options alongside specialized data pathways at emerging institutional frameworks.

Official Closing Ranks Data (50,000 – 80,000 Bracket)

IIIT Name	Course Name	Closing Rank (2025 Matrix)
IIITDM Kancheepuram	Design Engineering	50908
IIITDM Kancheepuram	Smart Manufacturing	51448
IIITDM Kurnool	Mechanical Engineering	52520
IIITDM Jabalpur	Smart Manufacturing	52569
IIITDM Kurnool	Mechanical Engineering (5 Years, Dual Degree)	54254
IIIT Senapati Manipur	CSE with specialization in Quantum Technologies	57736
IIIT Senapati Manipur	Computer Science and Engineering	58080
IIIT Senapati Manipur	CSE with specialization in AI & Data Science	60321
IIIT Senapati Manipur	CSE with specialization in Cyber Security Engineering	62831
IIIT Senapati Manipur	Electronics and Communication Engineering	65373
IIIT Senapati Manipur	ECE with specialization in VLSI & Embedded Systems	69257

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This range provides clear paths into specialized modern industries. For instance, **Smart Manufacturing at IIITDM Kancheepuram (51448) or IIITDM Jabalpur (52569)** incorporates advanced software controls and industrial robotics automation alongside physical prototyping foundations. For candidates looking for technical programming roles, **IIIT Senapati Manipur** offers dedicated specializations in **Quantum Technologies (57736)** and **Cyber Security (62831)**.

Example Scenario (Student E - Rank 59,000): Student E wants to establish a dependable technology track.

1. IIIT Senapati Manipur – CSE with specialization in Quantum Technologies (Ambitious top choice)
2. IIIT Senapati Manipur – Computer Science and Engineering (Direct target match position)
3. IIIT Senapati Manipur – CSE with specialization in AI & Data Science (Secure fallback position)
4. IIIT Senapati Manipur – Electronics and Communication Engineering

8. Crucial Advisory Checklists Before Submission

As you prepare your final choice list, ensure you review your options carefully across all regular allocation rounds.

The Value of the CSAB Spot Round Safety Valve

If your final rank requirements fall slightly outside your preferred choice list during the regular JoSAA rounds, do not worry. The **Central Seat Allocation Board (CSAB)** conducts dedicated spot rounds directly after JoSAA concludes to fill any remaining vacant choices across institutions. Cutoffs can expand significantly during these special rounds, providing an excellent opportunity to optimize your branch options.

Final Choice Verification Checklist before Locking:

- **Confirm Degree Durations:** Pay close attention to whether a choice is a standard 4-year B.Tech or a 5-year Integrated Dual Degree (B.Tech + M.Tech/MBA) option to ensure it matches your plans.
- **Fill Out an Adequate Number of Options:** For ranks past 30,000, we recommend entering at least 60 to 90 unique rows to build a highly secure and deep choice sheet.
- **Trust Core Curriculums:** If you love software development, choosing an ECE track or a Mathematics and Computing branch at an established IIT provides an excellent pathway into software careers.

All the best for your IIT JoSAA 2026 Choice Filling!