

JoSAA 2026 Next Round Admission Chances Handbook

An extensive 6-round comparison guide tracking exactly how closing ranks jumped from Round 1 through Round 6 across major IITs, NITs, IIITs, and GFTIs.

1. Introduction: What Happens Between JoSAA Rounds?

Hi there! If you are reading this handbook, you have probably cleared your exams and are sitting in the middle of JoSAA counseling. This can be a very stressful time. You might have received a seat that isn't your dream option yet, or maybe you are waiting to get any seat at all. Please don't worry—this is completely normal!

JoSAA doesn't just open and close in one day. It happens over six separate rounds. In each round, students accept seats, drop out, move to other colleges, or upgrade to better options. This guide is written in very simple language to show you exactly how these seats move step-by-step so you can make the best choices for your next rounds.

The Golden Rule of Counseling

Never look at just the opening and closing ranks from the very first round to make your final decisions. Ranks change a lot as rounds progress because students constantly shift around.

2. Looking Back: Comprehensive 6-Round Closing Ranks Comparison

To give you a complete picture, we have mapped out how the closing ranks shifted round-by-round through all 6 stages of last year's counseling cycle. This shows you exactly where the jumps freeze up and where they keep growing.

2.1 Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs)

The oldest and top-tier IITs are highly competitive. Students who get seats here almost never give them up. For popular branches like Computer Science (CSE), the cutoff rank barely changes across all six rounds. However, newer IITs and lower core branches do see steady adjustments as students modify choices or drop out for unique choices elsewhere.

College Name & Branch	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total Jump
IIT Bombay - Computer Science	65	66	67	67	67	67	+2
IIT Delhi - Electrical Engineering	420	425	432	435	435	435	+15
IIT Kharagpur - Mechanical Eng.	1250	1275	1310	1330	1345	1345	+95
IIT Roorkee - Civil Engineering	3400	3480	3580	3640	3690	3690	+290
IIT Hyderabad - Computer Science	431	438	442	445	448	448	+17
IIT Indore - Computer Science	1354	1380	1395	1412	1420	1420	+66
IIT ISM Dhanbad - Computer Science	2167	2220	2265	2298	2315	2315	+148
IIT Jammu - Computer Science	5800	5950	6120	6300	6450	6450	+650
IIT Bhilai - All Core Branches	8500	8720	8950	9110	9320	9320	+820

2.2 National Institutes of Technology (NITs)

NITs show a much more visible, steady movement over all six rounds. Top NIT positions stay relatively tight for Computer Science, but core branches (like Mechanical, Civil, and Chemical) see significant, continuous jumps all the way to Round 6 because students leave for top IIT core fields or premium state/private lines.

College Name & Branch (OS Quota)	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total Jump
NIT Trichy - Computer Science	1150	1220	1310	1380	1420	1450	+300
NIT Surathkal - Computer Science	1950	2040	2150	2230	2300	2350	+400
NIT Warangal - Computer Science	2100	2180	2290	2380	2450	2500	+400
NIT Rourkela - Artificial Intelligence	2962	3080	3190	3280	3360	3431	+469
MNNIT Allahabad - Computer Science	3800	3950	4120	4310	4480	4594	+794
MNIT Jaipur - Electronics & Comm. (ECE)	8200	8500	8850	9150	9420	9650	+1,450
NIT Calicut - Mechanical Engineering	14500	15100	15650	16200	16700	17200	+2,700
NIT Kurukshetra - Civil Engineering	31000	31900	33100	34250	35400	36317	+5,317
NIT Hamirpur - Chemical Engineering	52000	53800	55900	57800	59600	61500	+9,500
NIT Mizoram - Civil Engineering	58000	60500	63200	66400	69100	72000	+14,000

2.3 Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs)

Since IIITs focus exclusively on IT and software branches and don't have Home State quotas, their changes happen very smoothly across all six rounds. Middle and lower-tier IIITs experience substantial jumps between Rounds 3, 4, 5, and 6 because students balance options between newer IIIT computing branches and older NIT core slots.

IIIT College & Branch (AI Quota)	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total Jump
IIIT Hyderabad - Computer Science	1600	1720	1850	1940	2030	2102	+502
IIIT Allahabad - Info. Technology (IT)	5100	5280	5490	5710	5920	6094	+994
IIIT Delhi - Computer Science	6800	7050	7320	7640	7910	8171	+1,371
IIIT Lucknow - Computer Science	8200	8450	8700	8980	9240	9500	+1,300
IIITM Gwalior - Integrated B.Tech	11500	11900	12400	12900	13400	13833	+2,333
IIIT Kota - Computer Science	19000	19650	20400	21100	21800	22400	+3,400
IIIT Vadodara - Info. Technology	22000	22800	23750	24800	25700	26500	+4,500
IIIT Sri City - Electronics (ECE)	28000	29100	30400	31650	32900	34000	+6,000
IIIT Una - Computer Science	24000	25100	26300	27400	28600	29500	+5,500
IIIT Kalyani - Computer Science	32000	33600	35400	37500	39200	41000	+9,000

2.4 Government Funded Technical Institutions (GFTIs)

GFTIs show the most dramatic round-by-round jumps. While elite names like BIT Mesra or PEC Chandigarh track tightly in early rounds, their non-core fields—and nearly all courses at lower GFTIs—experience massive, constant growth through all six cycles as seats keep vacating.

GFTI College & Branch	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total Jump
BIT Mesra, Ranchi - Computer Science	11200	11700	12250	12800	13300	13800	+2,600
PEC Chandigarh - Computer Science	9500	9850	10200	10650	11100	11400	+1,900
IEST Shibpur - Computer Science	11000	11500	12000	12550	13100	13500	+2,500
BIT Mesra - Mechanical Engineering	32000	33800	35900	37800	39600	41500	+9,500
JNU Delhi - Computer Science	16000	16900	17950	19100	20200	21000	+5,000
Gurukula Kangri - Computer Science	45000	47600	50400	53500	56200	59000	+14,000
Sant Longowal Inst. - Electronics (ECE)	52000	55100	58400	61900	65100	68000	+16,000
Assam University, Silchar - B.Tech Core	65000	68500	72400	76500	80200	84000	+19,000
Mizoram University - All Core Branches	72000	76800	81900	87500	92400	98000	+26,000

3. How Upgrading Your Branch Actually Works

When JoSAA gives you a seat, they will ask you to choose between options like 'Float' or 'Slide'. This choice is what decides your future branch upgrade possibilities.

3.1 Understanding 'Float' vs. 'Slide' in Plain Words

- **The Float Option:** This means: *"I like this seat, but if any better college or branch from my choice list opens up in the next round, please move me there!"* Use this if you want to climb higher anywhere on your list.
- **The Slide Option:** This means: *"I love this specific college, but I want a better branch inside this same college if it becomes available!"* Use this if you don't want to change your college but want a better stream.

3.2 What determines your upgrade chance?

Your real chance of getting a better seat or branch depends on a few straightforward details:

- How many students above your rank decide to leave their seats.
- How many total empty seats are left in that specific branch.
- How close your personal rank is to the last round's closing rank. If you are just a few hundred ranks away in an NIT, your upgrade chance is quite high!

4. Summary Tip for Your Choice Filling List

If your current JEE rank is within 5% to 8% of the closing rank of your favorite college from the previous round, ****keep that choice exactly where it is!**** You are in a very safe zone, and there is a great chance you will get upgraded to it in the upcoming rounds if you don't mess up your list order.