

From the Desk of Chairman CSAB-2018

Dear students, I congratulate all of you for becoming eligible to participate in JoSAA-2018.



After successfully organizing joint counselling thrice for admissions in NIT + System (NITs, IITs and GFTIs) by CSAB and IITs (by JAB) through a common portal of JoSAA, joint counselling is again going to be held in 2018. We aim at providing opportunities for providing best technical education to the maximum number of students and utilizing precious national resources by filling all seats in these iconic institutions through a fair and transparent process. With better coordination and support from all stakeholders, MNIT Jaipur could reduce the vacant seats in NIT+ institutes remarkably during 2017. I am sure that this year also the CSAB-2018 shall take care to the utmost the convenience of the students and other stakeholders.

This year more than 11 Lac students appeared for JEE (Main) 2018. Like previous years, this year also the seat allocation process will be online and common for both, NIT+ system and IITs. However there are some specific changes which the candidates must carefully observe by going through the brochure and website of JoSAA and CSAB. I wish to highlight some of the important features of the seat allocation process for admission through JoSAA-2018:

- Seat allocation process this year would involve seven normal rounds, to be conducted by JoSAA-2018 for admission to NIT+ System and IITs, which will be followed by **Two** Special Vacant Seats Filling Rounds, to be conducted by CSAB-2018, only for NIT+ System.
- **14%** seat allocation will be ensured for female candidates in each category/ programme.
- **Five** new reporting centres in the states of Rajasthan; UP; Delhi, Telangana and in Chandigarh have been added over and above last year's reporting centers.
- Reduction in seat acceptance fees.

More details of seat allocation process are available on the portal <https://josaa.nic.in>.

I am sure that the JoSAA-2018 will provide a simple and user-friendly process of admission to the aspiring candidates. On behalf of whole NIT+ system and JoSAA, I once again wish all the aspiring candidates and other stakeholders a successful JoSAA counselling.

Jai Hind.

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