



IIM Raipur launches JAP-2026; single admission process for 4 IIMs

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TO REDUCE the burden of students, in a strategic move to streamline MBA admissions and enhance collaboration, the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) in Kashipur, Raipur, Ranchi, and Tiruchirappalli have jointly launched the Joint Admission Process (JAP) 2026. The initiative will be coordinated by IIM Raipur, and it will conduct a unified selection process in these four IIMs after the announcement of CAT-2025 results, which is scheduled to

take place across the nation and foreign countries on November 30. On the basis of CAT-2025 scores, IIM Raipur will conduct JAP 2026 and select students for MBA programmes in IIM Raipur, IIM Ranchi, IIM Kashipur, and IIM Tiruchirappalli.

This move is aimed at reducing the administrative burden on candidates and institutions, while ensuring a standardised, transparent, and aspirant-centric admission experience.

The participating IIMs described JAP 2026 as a joint initiative "showing commitment to excellence, collaborative

resource management, and delivering a transparent, aspirant-focused admission experience that meets IIM standards.

Aspirants of CAT-2025 have welcomed this initiative of JAP-2026 by four IIMs of the country, including IIM Raipur. After so much hard work, struggle, and expense to clear the CAT exam, the admission process at IIMs becomes even more expensive than the exam. Many students are not in a good enough position to travel to IIMs in different states to get admission into MBA programmes in any branch.

"In JAP-2026, we will be able

to secure admission through a single window at one of four IIMs (Raipur, Ranchi, Kashipur, and Tiruchirappalli). It will get success and other business schools of the country will then adopt it," said Rahul Patel, a CAT aspirant and engineering graduate in the mechanical branch.

In his statement, Prof Sanjeev Prashar, Director-In-Charge of IIM Raipur, stated that JAP 2026 and through this initiative, IIM exemplifies its commitment to resource optimisation, student-centric admissions, and strengthening the IIM brand for future leaders.

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