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2026 Entrance Exam Calendar

This calendar lists all critical 2026 dates for the IPMAT (IIM Indore + IIM Rohtak) and CLAT exams. Updated to reflect the latest notifications. Mark these dates today — most applications close 60–90 days before the exam.

IPMAT — IIM Indore

For 12th-pass students aiming for the 5-year Integrated Programme in Management at IIM Indore. Eligibility: 60% in 10th & 12th (55% for SC/ST/PwD), born on or after 1 August 2006 (relaxation of 5 years for reserved categories).

Stage	Tentative Date	Details
Notification release	Early February 2026	Official brochure published on iimidr.ac.in
Application opens	Mid-February 2026	Online application via official website
Application closes	Mid-March 2026	Late fee window: 3-5 days after deadline
Admit card release	Mid-April 2026	Download from candidate portal
Exam date	May 2026 (1st Sunday)	CBT — 2 hours, 90 questions
Result announcement	Late May 2026	PI/WAT shortlist published
PI/WAT rounds	June 2026	Held across multiple cities including Mumbai & Delhi
Final admission list	Late June 2026	Programme begins July 2026

Application fee: ■4,130 (General/OBC), ■2,065 (SC/ST/PwD). **Exam centres in our region:** Nagpur, Mumbai, Pune, Hyderabad, Indore, Raipur, Bhopal.

IPMAT — IIM Rohtak

Alternative 5-year Integrated Programme. Eligibility same as IIM Indore. Many students attempt both — overlapping syllabus, but different exam pattern.

Stage	Tentative Date	Details
Application opens	February 2026	Online portal: iimrohtak.ac.in
Application closes	Early April 2026	Application fee: ■2,200 (Gen) / ■1,100 (Reserved)
Admit card	Mid-April 2026	7-10 days before exam
Exam date	Late April 2026	2 hours, 120 questions (no DI/LR)

Stage	Tentative Date	Details
PI round	May 2026	Online interview
Final list	June 2026	Programme begins August 2026

CLAT — Common Law Admission Test

For admission to all 24 NLUs and many private law schools across India. CLAT 2026 is for the 2026-27 academic session. Both UG (5-year integrated LLB) and PG (LLM) tests held the same day.

Stage	Tentative Date	Details
Notification release	July 2025	Already released by Consortium of NLUs
Application opens	July 2025	Apply at consortiumofnlus.ac.in
Application closes	October 2025	Extended for late fee until early November
Admit card release	Late November 2025	Approximately 10-14 days before exam
CLAT 2026 exam date	7 December 2025	2 PM to 4 PM · Pen & Paper · Multi-city
Result announcement	Mid-December 2025	Provisional answer key released first
Counselling rounds	January–June 2026	Multiple rounds based on NLU preferences
Programme commences	July 2026	At allotted NLU

Application fee: ■4,000 (General/OBC), ■3,500 (SC/ST/PwD/BPL). **Pattern:** 120 MCQs across English, Current Affairs & GK, Legal Reasoning, Logical Reasoning, Quantitative Techniques. Negative marking: -0.25.

Recommended Preparation Timeline

Both IPMAT and CLAT reward consistent preparation. Here is the strategy that has worked best for Prepper Gurukul students who cracked these exams in 2024 and 2025.

If you are in Class 11

- **April–August:** Build fundamentals — Quantitative Aptitude, Verbal Ability, basic Logical Reasoning.
- **September–December:** Master sectional shortcuts. Begin reading 2 editorials daily (The Hindu, Indian Express).
- **January–April:** Application of concepts. Topic-wise tests. Develop Current Affairs notes.
- **May–August:** Mock test phase. 2 full-length mocks per week + analysis.

If you are in Class 12

- **April–July:** Cover full syllabus alongside Boards prep. Focus on weaker sections.
- **August–November:** Application + intensive Mock tests. Aim for 60+ mocks before exam.
- **December–April:** Mock-test marathon. Analyse every mock. Identify and close gaps.
- **Last 30 days:** Revision + GK consolidation + simulating exam conditions.

Common Mistakes Aspirants Make

Mistake	Better approach
Late start (after Class 12 Boards)	Begin at the start of Class 11 — even 30 minutes daily compounds.
Ignoring GK/Current Affairs	Read 1 newspaper + 1 monthly magazine consistently.
Skipping mock analysis	Spend 2 hours analysing each mock — that is where learning happens.
Studying in isolation	Join a small batch — peer benchmarking is crucial for IPMAT.
Memorising legal facts (CLAT)	CLAT is reasoning-based now — comprehension and inference matter most

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