



PRESS RELEASE for Common Admission Test 2026 (CAT 2026)

Indore, July 26, 2026: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Indore is conducting CAT 2026. Prof. Aditya Billore of IIM Indore is the Convener for CAT 2026. Announcing the same, Prof. Himanshu Rai, Director IIM Indore, added, “It is a matter of great privilege for IIM Indore to conduct CAT 2026 on behalf of the Indian Institutes of Management. CAT has consistently served as a gateway for talented individuals aspiring to contribute meaningfully to business, governance, and society. We remain committed to ensuring that the examination is conducted with the highest standards of fairness, transparency, security, and operational excellence”. He further said, “I encourage every aspirant to approach the examination with confidence, integrity, and determination, and I hope CAT 2026 becomes the first step in their journey towards responsible leadership and excellence”

According to the CAT Centre, the following are the important announcements for the candidates appearing for CAT 2026:

Registration Deadlines:

Registration for CAT 2026 opens: **August 03, 2026 (Monday) at 10:00 AM**

Registration for CAT 2026 closes: **September 15, 2026 (Tuesday) at 05:00 PM.**

Test Cities:

CAT 2026 will be conducted in approximately 170 cities. Candidates will be given the option to choose five preferred cities. The CAT Centre will try its best to ensure that a candidate gets one of their preferred options. In case of high demand in a particular region, the CAT Centre reserves the right to allot a centre close to any of the preferred options. Once a centre is allotted to a candidate, no change is permitted. The list of cities may be subject to changes based on the discretion of the CAT authorities.

Registration Form Edit Window:

After the closure of the registration window, a very short edit window will be made available to the registered applicants. Candidates will be able to edit the following fields in the application form (if required):

- (i) Photograph
- (ii) Signature
- (iii) Test City Preferences

This option will be valid only for those candidates who have paid the applicable registration fee and have registered successfully for CAT 2026 within the specified deadline.

Date of the Test:

CAT 2026 will be conducted on **November 29, 2026 (Sunday)** in **three sessions**.

IIMs reserve the right to change the test date and time if the situation so warrants.

Duration of the Test:

The duration of the test will be **120 minutes**. The test will have the following three sections:

- Section I: Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension
- Section II: Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning
- Section III: Quantitative Ability

Candidates will be allotted exactly **40 minutes** for answering questions in each section, and they will not be allowed to switch from one section to another while answering questions in a section. A mock exam to understand the format of the test will be available on the CAT website.



The **sole official website** for CAT 2026 is <https://iimcat.ac.in>. This address has been consistently advertised across all official channels, including leading newspapers. Please be aware that **no other website is affiliated with or authorized for CAT 2026**.

To ensure your security and access accurate information, we urge all applicants to:

- **Always verify the URL:** Double-check that you are on the official <https://iimcat.ac.in> website before proceeding with any action or sharing information.
- **Exercise extreme caution:** Be wary of unsecured websites, suspicious links, or any platforms asking for personal details or payments outside of the official portal.
- **Report suspicious activity:** If you encounter any fraudulent websites or suspicious requests, please report them immediately to the CAT help desk at cat2026_helpdesk@iimdr.ac.in. Your vigilance helps protect the integrity of the CAT process.

The CAT Convener urges the test takers to register well in advance to have a hassle-free registration process and to avoid last-minute rush.

The information on the **official CAT website** (<https://iimcat.ac.in>) is subject to change based on decisions and directives from Central and State governments, as well as the IIMs. Therefore, candidates are **strongly advised to regularly visit the CAT website** for the most current information.

About Indian Institute of Management, Indore (<https://iimdr.ac.in>):

With the objectives of imparting high quality management education and training, the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India established Indian Institute of Management Indore as Institutions of Excellence. These Institutions are recognized as premier management institutions, comparable to the best in the world for teaching, research and interaction with industries.

Established in 1996, Indian Institute of Management Indore (IIM Indore) has been a leader in the field of management education, interfacing with the industry, government and PSUs. It is promoted and nurtured by the Ministry of Education, Government of India and is an institute of national importance under the Indian Institutes of Management Act 2017.

IIM Indore is among an elite group of Indian business schools that have the prestigious Triple Crown Accreditation-AACSB, AMBA, and EQUIS. This globally recognized distinction is held by fewer than 1% of business schools worldwide, underscoring the institute's unwavering commitment to excellence in management education, research, and global standards.