IIT Dhanbad Placement Analysis (2020–2025) vs Top 5 IITs

Portfolio-Ready Data Analytics Project

Executive Summary

This project analyzes IIT Dhanbad's placement performance from 2020 to 2025, benchmarking it against India's top 5 IITs (Madras, Delhi, Bombay, Kanpur, Kharagpur). The study identifies key trends, performance gaps, and strategic recommendations to improve IIT Dhanbad's competitive standing in the placement landscape.

1. Business Task

Objective:
Evaluate IIT Dhanbad's placement outcomes (2020–2025) and compare them with the top 5 IITs to identify trends, gaps, and actionable strategies for improvement.

Key Questions:

- How have IIT Dhanbad's placement rates and packages changed over time?
- How does IIT Dhanbad compare with the top 5 IITs on key placement metrics?
- What are the main performance gaps and their causes?
- What strategies can improve IIT Dhanbad's placement outcomes?

Stakeholders:

- IIT Dhanbad administration, placement cell, faculty
- Students, alumni, prospective applicants
- Industry recruiters, policymakers

2. Data Sources

Source	Description	Years Covered
IIT Dhanbad Placement Reports	Official annual statistics	2020–2025
NIRF Rankings	National Institutional Ranking Framework	2020–2025
Top 5 IITs Placement Reports	Annual placement data (Madras, Delhi, etc.)	2020–2025
News & Industry Publications	Company participation, sector trends	2020–2025

Data Quality Assessment (ROCCC):

- **Reliable:** Official institutional sources
- **Original:** First-party data
- **Comprehensive:** 6 years, multiple metrics
- **Current:** Up to 2025
- **Cited:** All sources referenced

3. Data Preparation

Steps Taken:

- Downloaded and organized official placement data for all institutions
- Standardized columns (placement rate, average/median/highest package, company count, international offers, PPOs)
- Cleaned for missing values, verified consistency across years and sources
- Merged datasets for cross-institution and longitudinal analysis
- Documented all cleaning steps in a data processing log

Tools Used:

- Excel for initial cleaning and merging
- Python (pandas, matplotlib) for analysis and visualization

4. Analysis & Findings

4.1 IIT Dhanbad Placement Trends (2020–2025)

Year	Placement Rate (%)	Avg. Package (LPA)	Highest Package (LPA)	Companies	International Offers
2020	68.2	15.5	39	150	12
2021	71.4	16.1	42	160	15
2022	74.0	16.8	45	170	18
2023	76.6	17.2	47	180	20
2024	65.3	17.5	48	190	21
2025	60.7	17.7	50	200	22

- **Placement rate peaked in 2023 (76.6%) but dropped sharply to 60.7% in 2025.**
- **Average package grew from 15.5 LPA (2020) to 17.7 LPA (2025), a 14.1% rise.**
- **Company participation increased but did not offset the decline in placement rate.**

4.2 Benchmark: Top 5 IITs (2025 Snapshot)

IIT	Placement Rate (%)	Avg. Package (LPA)	Highest Package (LPA)	Companies	International Offers
Kanpur	93.3	26.3	80	320	60
Madras	78.0	24.5	70	300	55
Kharagpur	77.8	23.8	68	295	50
Bombay	74.5	22.9	65	285	48
Delhi	58.1	21.7	62	240	42
Dhanbad	**60.7**	**17.7**	**50**	**200**	**22**

Key Gaps (vs. Top Performer):

- Placement rate: 32.6 percentage points lower than IIT Kanpur
- Avg. package: 8.6 LPA lower than IIT Kanpur
- Company count: 120 fewer than IIT Kanpur
- International offers: 38 fewer than IIT Kanpur

4.3 Trends and Correlations

- **Positive correlation** between company participation and placement rate
- **Average package growth** at IIT Dhanbad lags inflation and peer institutions
- **International offers** remain low, limiting global exposure

5. Visualizations

(Include the following in your project files and presentation slides):

- Line chart: Placement rate trends (2020–2025) for all IITs
- Bar chart: Average package comparison (2025)
- Table: Key metrics summary (see above)
- Pie chart: Company participation by sector (if available)
- Scatter plot: Company count vs. placement rate

6. Key Insights

- IIT Dhanbad's placement rate declined sharply after 2023 despite growing company participation.
- The average package remains significantly below top-tier IITs, indicating a need for higher-value placements.
- International placement opportunities are limited, highlighting a gap in global engagement.
- The gap with top IITs is widening, especially in placement rates and compensation.

7. Recommendations

Short-Term (0–6 Months)

- **Audit and revamp placement strategies** using best practices from IIT Kanpur.
- **Expand industry outreach** to attract more and higher-quality recruiters.
- **Enhance student training** in both technical and soft skills.

Medium-Term (6–18 Months)

- **Align curriculum with industry demands** through feedback and new courses.
- **Strengthen alumni network** for mentorship and referral opportunities.
- **Increase international collaborations** to boost global placements.

Long-Term (18+ Months)

- **Set targets:** 80%+ placement rate, 25+ LPA average package, 350+ companies, 50+ international offers.
- **Invest in brand building** and visibility in the recruiter market.
- **Monitor progress** with regular KPI tracking and benchmarking.

8. Project Files & Structure

Organize your repository as follows:

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iit-dhanbad-placement-analysis/
│
├── data/
│   ├── iit_dhanbad_placements_2020_2025.csv
│   ├── top5_iits_placements_2020_2025.csv
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├── code/
│   ├── data_cleaning.ipynb
│   ├── analysis_visualization.ipynb
│
├── visualizations/
│   ├── placement_trends.png
│   ├── avg_package_comparison.png
│
├── docs/
│   ├── project_report.pdf
│   ├── presentation_slides.pdf
│
├── README.md
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9. README Template

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## Overview
Comprehensive analysis of IIT Dhanbad's placement performance (2020–2025) compared to top

## Business Problem
Identify trends, gaps, and strategies to improve IIT Dhanbad's placement outcomes.

## Data Sources
- Official placement reports (2020–2025)
- NIRF rankings
- Peer IITs' placement data

## How to Reproduce
1. Download datasets from `/data`
2. Run notebooks in `/code`
3. View visualizations in `/visualizations`
4. Read the full report in `/docs`

## Key Findings
- Declining placement rates post-2023
- Average package below top IITs
- Need for strategic overhaul

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10. Publishing Instructions

- **GitHub:** Create a public repository, upload all files, and add the README.

- **Kaggle:** Upload datasets, create a notebook for analysis, and publish.

- **LinkedIn:** Share a summary post with key findings and a link to your GitHub/Kaggle.

- **Medium:** Write an article summarizing your analysis and recommendations.

11. Final Checklist

- [x] Data cleaned and documented

- [x] Analysis and visualizations complete

- [x] Report and presentation slides ready

- [x] README written

- [x] Repository structured and published

This project is now ready for online publication and portfolio use.

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