Indian Institute of Technology Patna is one of the new IITs established by an act of parliament on August 06, 2008. It runs from its transit campus in Patliputra Colony, Patna.

Patna which was known as Patliputra has been a center of knowledge since long has been attracting visitors and scholars from many parts of the world such as China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Sri Lanka, among others. This has been a land of visionaries. Some of the historical legends from this region include Lord Gautam Buddha, Lord Mahavir, Guru Gobind Singh, the famous astronomer Aryabhata and the first President of India, Dr. Rajendra Prasad.

IIT Patna has three schools – (1) School of Engineering consisting of the following Departments namely, Computer Science & Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Chemical and Biochemical Engineering, Civil & Environmental Engineering, Materials Science & Engineering (2) School of Basic Sciences consisting of Chemistry, Physics, and Mathematics Departments (3) School of Humanities consisting of Humanities & Social Science Department.

The transit campus of IIT Patna is located on the campus of Navin Government Polytechnic in Patliputra Colony Patna. The institute is approximately seven kilometers away from the Patna Junction and eight kilometers from the Loknayak Jai Prakash Narayan Airport Patna. The permanent campus of the Institute is coming up at Bihta which is approximately 34 kms from Patna.

As of March 2014, IIT Patna has five hundred thirty three students enrolled in its B Tech programs, eighty five M.Tech students and one hundred forty Ph.D students.

As of April 2014 IIT Patna is currently running with eighty one members in the faculty and the staff strength of sixty seven. This number is expected to increase as the Institute is growing at a steady pace. The members of the faculty have a wide range of academic and research experience. They come with academic and research training from various institutes of excellence within the country and abroad.

The recent publication records of the faculty with several practical constraints appear to be outstanding. It includes many national and international journals of repute. This includes a wide range and huge number of conference publication and participation. IIT Patna has more than 150 research papers published in refereed international journals and more than 100 papers presented in national/international conferences during 2008-2011.