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## NITSER (National Institutes of Technology, Science Education and Research) Amendment Bill passed in Rajya Sabha yesterday

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NITSER (National Institutes of Technology, Science Education and Research) Amendment Billpassed in Rajya Sabha yesterday (26<sup>th</sup> July, 2017). The Bill was passed in the Lok Sabha on 28th March, 2017. Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey, Minister of State (HRD) in Rajya Sabha informed that the Bill proposes to introduce two new Institutions namely Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Tirupati and IISER Berhampur in the Second Schedule of the NITSER Act, 2007.

Five IISERs at Kolkata (2006), Pune (2006), Mohali (2007), Bhopal (2008) and Thiruvananthapuram (2008) mandated with promoting quality education and research in the sciences were established. With the establishment of the two new IISERs there are now seven IISERs.

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