

1. GENERAL INTRODUCTION

The Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISERs) were established in 2006 through a proclamation of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India, to promote quality education and research in basic sciences. Soon after the announcement, two of these Institutes at Pune and Kolkata were started in 2006. This was followed by the start of an Institute at Mohali in 2007, Bhopal and Thiruvananthapuram in 2008, Tirupati in 2015 and Berhampur in 2016. Subsequently, these Institutes were brought under the ambit of an Act of the Parliament (NITs Amendment Act-2012, no. 28 of 2012) promulgated with the assent of the President of India on June 7, 2012, vide Gazette Notification no. 13, dated June 8, 2012. The Act was further amended in 2014, entitled the NITSER Act 2014. IISERs are degree granting autonomous Institutions with a focus on integrating science education and research. IISER Bhopal provides a platform for the faculty to engage in high quality teaching and research, at both the undergraduate and postgraduate levels in frontier areas of various disciplines. Further, it is the philosophy of the Institute to remove barriers between different knowledge streams. This booklet is the academic manual comprising of an overview of Academic Affairs and the guidelines/ regulations that the Institute follows for various academic programmes. However, in addition to these general guidelines, different Departments may impose specific requirements, approved by the Senate, from time-to-time, in order to achieve their goals.