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The Institute started conducting Management Development Programmes in 2000-2001.

To promote entrepreneurship, the Institute has set up a Business Incubator Unit (BIU) in its campus, the aim of which is to provide the necessary infrastructure facilities to enable conversion of new business ideas into viable business ventures.

During the year 2005-06, the intake in the Institute has been as under:

Courses	Intake 2005-2006
PGP	118

Schemes

New Initiatives in Technical Education Sector

Indian Institutes of Science for Education and Research (IISERs) at Pune and Kolkata

The Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (SAC – PM) in its first meeting held on 04.03.2005 at New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Prof. C. N. R. Rao recommended creation of two new Institutions devoted to Science Education and Research to be named “National Institute for Scientific Education & Research (NISER)” to be located at Pune and Kolkata.

The vision of these institutes encompasses creation of research universities of the highest calibre in which teaching and education in basic sciences will be totally integrated with the state-of-the-art research. These universities will be devoted to undergraduate and postgraduate teaching in sciences in an intellectually vibrant atmosphere of research. These universities will make education and career in basic sciences more attractive by providing opportunities in integrative teaching and learning of sciences and break the barriers of traditional disciplines. The goals of these institutes, inter alia, envisage as follows:

- ❑ To create quality education and research in basic sciences.
- ❑ To attract and nurture high-quality academic faculty.
- ❑ To create integrated Masters Programme in sciences, following +2 curricula, in order to provide entry into research at a younger age. In addition, the Institutes will have integrated programmes leading to Masters and Ph.Ds to those who hold a Bachelor’s degree in science.
- ❑ To make possible a flexible borderless curriculum in sciences.
- ❑ To actively forge strong relationship with existing universities and colleges and network with laboratories and institutions.
- ❑ To establish advanced research Laboratories and Central facilities.

The Expenditure Finance Committee, in its meeting held on 17.10.2005 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Expenditure) recommended the project for setting up of the two IISERs at Pune and Kolkata with an expenditure of Rs. 500.00 crore spread over a period of seven years. Thereafter, the Cabinet in its meeting held on 27.10.2005 approved the proposal. MHRD is taking necessary follow-up action for setting up of the two Institutes.

Support for New and Emerging Areas

National Programme for Earthquake Engineering Education (NPEEE)

After the Orissa cyclone in the year 2000, and Gujarat Earthquake in January, 2001 as a follow up of the discussion by HRM with the Minister of Urban Affairs, a comprehensive National Programme on Earthquake Engineering Education (NPEEE) was launched by MHRD in 2002 with the seven IITs and IISc, Bangalore, as resource institutes. IIT Kanpur is the Coordinating Institute. The programme is open to all recognised engineering colleges/ polytechnics and schools of architecture having related academic degree or diploma programme, irrespective of whether these are