



IISER
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4TH

दीक्षांत समारोह

CONVOCATION

B R O C H U R E

भारतीय विज्ञान शिक्षा एवं अनुसंधान संस्थान बरहमपुर

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH BERHAMPUR



CONVOCATION PROGRAMME

Fourth Convocation
7th August 2024

Academic Procession	10:30 AM
Invocation	10:35 AM
Chairperson, BoG announces the opening of the 4 th Convocation	10:38 AM
Welcome address and Institute report by the Director	10:40 AM
Introduction of the Chief Guest	10:55 AM
Convocation address by the Chief Guest	11:00 AM
Commencement of the Convocation Award Ceremony	11:20 AM
Convocation Pledge	11:35 AM
Award of Degrees and Medals	11:40 AM
Chairperson, BoG announces closing of the Convocation Ceremony	12:50 PM
National Anthem	12:52 PM
Academic Procession departs	12:55 PM

Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Berhampur

Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Berhampur is one of the seven IISERs created to be a centre for scientific excellence in India. Established in 2016, the institute was later declared as the institute of National importance under NITSER Act, 2007.

Since its inception three batches of students - a total of 208, have graduated with BS-MS degree from IISER Berhampur across various disciplines like Biological, Chemical, Mathematical and Physical Sciences. This year, 116 students from the batch of 2019, and one from the batch of 2018 are graduating with BSMS Dual degree. Two students from the Integrated PhD programme are exiting with MS degrees. Five research scholars will get their Doctorate in Science.



The newly inaugurated section of the IISER Berhampur academic complex



The rising sun and the IISER beach



The graduating batch of 2023: 3rd Convocation

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1.	Director, IISER Berhampur	:	Chairperson (in-charge)
2.	Smt. Saumya Gupta Joint Secretary (Technical Education), MoE, Govt. of India	:	Member (Ex-officio)
3.	Prof. Ashok Kumar Ganguli Director, IISER Berhampur	:	Member (Ex-officio)
4.	Prof. Govindan Rangarajan Director, IISc Bangalore	:	Member (Ex-officio)
5.	Secretary Department of Space & Chairman, Space Commission, Govt. of India	:	Member
6.	Secretary Department of Power, Govt. of India	:	Member
7.	Shri Pradeep Jena, IAS, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Odisha	:	Member (Ex-officio)
8.	Prof. Joydeep Mukhopadhyay Dean, International Relations	:	Member (Nominated)
9.	Prof. Vishwas Chavan Dean, Research & Development	:	Member (Nominated)
10.	Shri Sanjog Kapoor Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor, MoE, Govt. of India	:	Member (Ex-officio)
11.	Shri Pradeep Kumar Ray Registrar, IISER Berhampur	:	Non-member secretary (Ex-officio)



A well-provisioned guest house is IISER Berhampur's lifeline



Hostels were the first buildings to be functional, followed by the sports facility



Grasses taking root: the lawn in front of the academic block overlooking the staff apartments



SENATE

Chairperson

1. Prof. Ashok Kumar Ganguli,
Director, IISER Berhampur

External Members

1. Prof. K George Thomas,
Professor of Chemistry and Dean of Faculty Affairs, IISER Thiruvananthapuram
2. Prof. Tara Chandra Kandpal,
Emeritus Professor, Department of Energy Science & Engineering, and Former Dy Director, IIT Delhi
3. Prof. Reetika Khera,
Professor of Economics, IIT Delhi

Deans and Heads of the Departments

1. Prof. Joydip Mukhopadhyay
Dean of International Relations, Professor and HoD, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences
2. Prof. Vishwas Chavan
Dean of Research and Development, Professor, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences and Department of Biological Sciences
3. Dr. Prosenjit Mondal
Dean of Academic Affairs, Professor, Department of Biological Sciences
4. Dr. Malay Kumar Rana, Associate Professor and Head of the Department,
Department of Chemical Sciences

5. Dr. Shashi Bhushan Singh, Associate Professor, HoD, Physical Sciences

6. Dr. Prem Prakash Pandey, Associate Professor, HoD, Mathematical Sciences

7. Dr. Bodhisatta Nandy, Associate Professor, HoD, Biological Sciences

Faculty members nominated by the Director

1. Dr. Arunkumar Krishnan, Assistant Professor, Biological Sciences

2. Dr. Shikha Gandhi, Assistant Professor, Chemical Sciences

3. Dr. Victor Mukherjee, Assistant Professor, Physical Sciences

Warden nominated by the Director

1. Dr. Natasha Sharma, Assistant Professor, Physical Sciences

Librarian

1. Dr. Nihar K. Patra

Student representatives

1. Ms. Bandita Das, Senate Representative, PG

2. Mr. Amal Chacko, Senate Representative, UG

Non-member secretary

1. Shri Pradeep Kumar Ray,
Registrar, IISER Berhampur



The Chief Guest



Mr. Harsh Vardhan Shringla
Former foreign secretary
Government of India

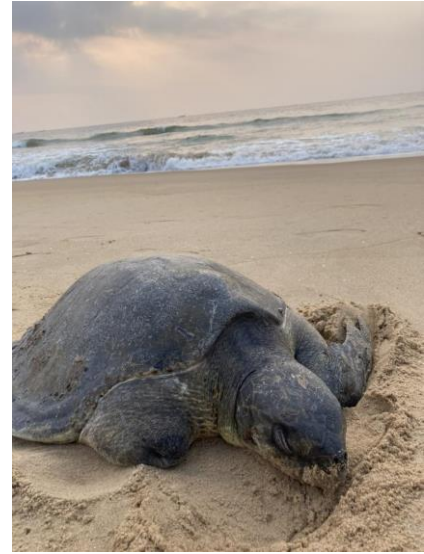
Harsh Vardhan Shringla is the former Foreign Secretary of India and has been Chief Coordinator for India's G20 Presidency in 2023. He joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1984. In the course of a diplomatic career spanning almost 40 years, he has held a variety of positions in New Delhi and abroad, including as Ambassador of India to the United States of America, Bangladesh and Thailand. He has served in the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi as Joint Secretary (Director General) responsible for Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Maldives. He has also headed the United Nations Political and SAARC Divisions in the Ministry. During his long and distinguished career, he has worked on all major diplomatic issues. His focus, however, has been on India's neighbours as head of division in the Ministry of External Affairs and later as Foreign Secretary. Additionally, he is an experienced multilateral diplomat, having worked in the UN Security Council and the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific. He has also served in India's Permanent Mission to the UN in New York from 2002-06.

He graduated from St. Stephen's College, Delhi University. He was conferred D. Litt. (Honoris Causa) by ICFAI University, Sikkim. He has worked in the Corporate and Public Sectors in India prior to joining the Indian Foreign Service. He has pursued courses and published papers on conflict prevention, economic diplomacy and the Indian diaspora. He has been called upon to speak at prestigious events in India and abroad on a wide range of issues.

Around IISER Berhampur campus



The serene *Chilika* and shackled boats



Nesting destination of Olive Ridleys



The nearby wetland and a summer sunset

The wild sugarcane in full bloom in early winters, with the setting sun in the backdrop



Prof. Ashok Kumar Ganguli
Director, IISER Berhampur
Chairperson, Board of Governors

Professor Ganguli is currently the Director, IISER Berhampur and is on Lien from Department of Chemistry, IIT Delhi and was Deputy Director (Strategy & Planning) at IIT Delhi(2019-22). He is also the founding Director of Institute of Nano Science and Technology, Mohali (Jan 2013- Jan 2018). He has been a visiting scientist at Dupont Company, USA (1990-91), Ames Laboratory, Iowa State University, USA and visiting professor at EPFL, Lausanne in 2016. His areas of interest are in the design of nanostructured materials for applications in water purification, solar energy conversion and also high temperature superconductivity. He has published over 350 papers and has five patents. He is a recipient of the National Award of Nano Science and Nanotechnology given by DST, Government of India, the Chemical Research Society of India (CRSI) Silver medal, Distinguished Materials Scientist of the year (2021)(MRSI)I, the C.N.R. Rao-CRSI National award, Chemical Excellence Award by Indian Society of Chemists and Biologists and the Bangalore India Nano award given by Karnataka Govt. He is a fellow of the Indian National Science Academy, Indian Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Sciences (India), Royal Society of Chemistry, London and the Asia–Pacific Association of Materials. He is currently, Editorial Board member of several journals.

Dr. Ganguli is also a very keen speaker for science education in schools and colleges and initiated several outreach programs for rural school students in remote parts of India in which he has visited more than 300 schools, a key speaker in the Inspire series of lectures (DST) and is also helping promote research awareness in colleges through science academies workshops. At IISER Berhampur several outreach programs have been initiated for KV school teachers and students which include workshops and lecture demonstrations.

Director's Report

IISER Berhampur, the youngest of the seven IISERs, established in 2016 an Institute of National Importance that attracts young scientific talents of our country and provides them with a platform to engage in cutting-edge science and conduct pioneering research across several scientific fields. IISER's philosophy is to integrate education with research so that undergraduate students and of doctoral and postdoctoral research. With a periodically updated curriculum, cutting-edge research laboratories and highly-experienced faculty, IISER Berhampur is on a mission to contribute to the nation with the scientific resources it needs for the 21st century. We pride ourselves to focus on student centric policies and a holistic and all-round development of their personality.

IISER Berhampur conducts BS-MS (dual degree), Integrated PhD and PhD programs as well as postdoctoral research in an intellectually stimulating atmosphere. Today, we are all gathered here to celebrate the 4th Convocation of IISER Berhampur and to honor and celebrate the achievement of the graduating batch. I am pleased to share with you that a total of 116 students from the batch of 2019, and one from 2018 have completed their BS-MS dual degree program. While many of them have shown outstanding academic performance, many have excelled in extracurricular activities as well through sports and cultural activities. Many of them have now received offers from top national and international institutions for their PhDs. Some have also received job offers in different sectors. Further, five PhD students completed their doctoral dissertations, while two Integrated PhD students are graduating with their MS degrees. All of them have done exceedingly well, and are looking forward to a great future.

With the fourth batch of BS-MS students graduating today, 796 BS-MS students, 108 doctoral students and 22 iPhD students, a total of 926 students would have benefitted from the rich academic and research environment available at IISER Berhampur, out of which 43.6% are girl students. We congratulate and thank the parents for their encouragement and trust bestowed on IISER Berhampur.

Presently, the Institute is functioning at both the campuses simultaneously. The 1st to 4th year students are staying in the Permanent Campus hostels. Most classes for these students are carried out at the Permanent Campus. The students of BS-MS 5th year, iPhD and PhD scholars carry out their coursework and research work in both Permanent and Transit Campuses. I am very happy to say that we have installed Microscopic Platform for Live cell Imaging facility, and some high-end instruments such as, ICPMAS, XRD, Femtosecond Transient Absorption Spectrophotometer and HRTEM etc. are now being installed in the Permanent Campus.



The construction of the permanent campus is in the advanced stage with approximately 92% of physical progress. Already 15 out of total 29 buildings of IISER Berhampur Permanent Campus were dedicated to the Nation by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi through video conference from on February 20, 2024. After I joined, I submitted my observations on the construction to the CPWD and asked them to expedite the construction work. With the help of the civil administration, the public road passing through the campus was closed after the arrangement of an alternate public road outside the campus. The dedicated power supply through the 33 KV line has been charged and the substations have been commissioned. The occupied buildings are now connected with the dedicated power supply line. We are slowly shifting the research laboratories from the Transit to Permanent Campus. The classrooms in the academic block are being furnished with world-class audio-visual, smart-board equipment. The commercial complex with shops and facilities has also started functioning for students.

IISER Berhampur family has grown to the strength of 49 faculty members, distributed across six academic departments and supported by a dedicated team of 37 administrative staff members. In addition, we have a few visiting, guest, and honorary faculty members of great distinction. Recently, the Board of Governors of the Institute has approved the career advancement scheme for faculty, and recruitment and career progression policy for the non-teaching staff. With this, the faculty and staff will be benefited immensely. nine faculty have recently been promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor and I congratulate them all.

It is a matter of satisfaction to share with you all that during the past eight years, IISER Berhampur has strengthened itself with a whole range of equipment required for cutting-edge science. We have a rich Central Advanced Instrument Facility which caters to not only our needs, but other research institutions too.

The Institute has been making consistent efforts to encourage faculty to apply for extramural grants. It is a matter of great satisfaction that faculty members are attracting support from national and international funding agencies. Our faculty members have obtained new sponsored research projects and schemes amounting to ₹ 2.6 crore this year. It has enhanced our total tally to 29 ongoing projects worth more than ₹16 crore. Notably, many research projects undertaken by the faculty members of IISER Berhampur across disciplines have a very high quotient of social relevance.

I am extremely happy to share that IISER Berhampur climbed more than 100 steps and secured 41st rank in India under “all category” and 35th rank in India under “academic

institutions” category by “Nature Index” for the period of Mar 1-Feb 29, 2024 for scientific articles and papers publications in leading journals.

Various national and international conferences have been organized at IISER Berhampur besides numerous Institute colloquia, departmental seminars/workshops. An “International Conference on Convergence of Scientific Disciplines to Advance Biotechnology (CSDAB 2023)” was held during November 23-24, 2023 . I am glad to share that IISER Berhampur is organizing the 16th “International Conference on Frontiers of Polymers and Advanced Materials” (ICFPAM 2024) in India, which will be held from November 9-13, 2024, in Berhampur, Odisha. ICFPAM-2024 is a multidisciplinary international forum on materials science and applications. This conference will feature a diverse range of symposia covering cutting-edge research in polymers and materials and their applications in photonics, energy conversion, and medicine. In addition to plenary, keynote, and invited talks, we have planned various scientific activities, including tutorials, Nobel laureate lectures (online mode), interactive forums on AI in education and industry, and discussions on international funding opportunities with renowned scientists. We are expecting esteemed scientists from over 30 countries, ensuring a truly international scientific experience.

Earlier this year, IISER Berhampur led the Odisha chapter of *Yuva Sangam*, a unique cross-state youth exchange programme under the umbrella of *Ek bharat shreshtha bharat* scheme of the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India. It is a matter of pride to successfully execute this programme wherein youth from Odisha and Himachal Pradesh traveled to each other’s state and exchanged knowledge and culture. Recently, we conducted a week-long Boot camp for Kendriya Vidyalaya teachers. Through a series of seminars and laboratory exposure visits, 80 teachers from different KVs from across the state of Odisha were given a special orientation in Science and Mathematics. Apart from these, IISER Berhampur is conducting different outreach programmes throughout the year, aiming to make a lasting impact on the society by spreading scientific temper.

Finally, I place on record my sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Chairpersons and members of FC, BoG, B&WC, RAAC and the Senate of IISER Berhampur, the officials of Ministry of Education, Govt. of India and Govt. of Odisha, and members of various Selection Committees, advisory Committees and also wish to acknowledge the support that I have received from the faculty and staff of the Institute and several others who have helped us in many ways.

My special thanks to Shri Harsh Vardhan Shringla, the Chief Guest of the fourth Convocation for accepting our invitation and to be part of this convocation. We know your extremely busy



schedule as an important adviser for the country on matters of great importance on global relations with your vast experience on international affairs as Ambassador to the USA, Thailand and Bangladesh and the highly successful G-20 Presidency in 2023. Your presence amongst us is inspiring and encouraging to our young brilliant minds and community to dream big and achieve great success.

I congratulate all the parents of the new graduates and join them in this moment of glory of the achievement of your child.

Finally, dear new graduates, you are now stepping into the real world and how you handle yourself will give a feedback on the quality of education imbibed. I wish for your success in every aspect of life. May you all work to make the world a better place.

Thank you all for your kind attention.



IISER Berhampur was Dedicated to the nation by the Honourable Prime Minister on 20th February 2024

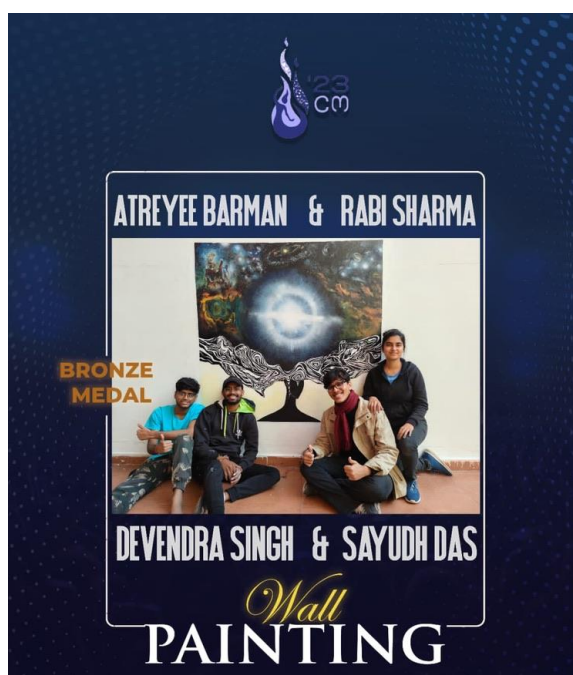
Gallery: Student sports and cultural activities



A large contingent of students represent IISER Berhampur in Inter-IISER Sports meets



Athletics meet in IISM 2023



Girls leading the way: Gold medal in football in IISM 2023

Inter-IISER Cultural meet: fascinating wall-painting that won the bronze medal



When night sky is free of cloud, Astronomy club looks at stars, trying to find inspiration

Science outreach exhibition of the Earth Science club Vasudha





List of Graduating Students (BS-MS Degree)

S. No.	Roll No.	Name of the Student	Major
1	18143	Ritwik Maiti	Physical Sciences
2	19003	Abhisek Praharaj	Physical Sciences
3	19004	Abhishek Chakravarty	Physical Sciences
4	19007	Advaith Menon	Physical Sciences
5	19013	Amrita Mukherjee	Physical Sciences
6	19020	Anwasha Satapathy	Physical Sciences
7	19022	Archisman Panda	Physical Sciences
8	19025	Arjun Raj M R	Physical Sciences
9	19026	Arnav Tejaskumar Bhavsar	Physical Sciences
10	19027	Aruna Mishra	Physical Sciences
11	19036	Bonthu Soumya	Physical Sciences
12	19039	Debapratim Pal	Physical Sciences
13	19049	Harsh Mishra	Physical Sciences
14	19052	Himnish Dhar	Physical Sciences
15	19056	Jayanta Kumar Naik	Physical Sciences
16	19060	Karthik Arya Pradhan	Physical Sciences
17	19061	Kingkini Roychoudhury	Physical Sciences

18	19063	Kousik Malai	Physical Sciences
19	19064	Krishnarjit Sur	Physical Sciences
20	19069	Likhith Kumar Pampana	Physical Sciences
21	19074	Manas Ranjan Nayak	Physical Sciences
22	19077	Mayurakshi Das	Physical Sciences
23	19078	Md Jahin Shahriyar	Physical Sciences
24	19079	Mekhala Ganguly	Physical Sciences
25	19080	Mohammed Bilal P S	Physical Sciences
26	19083	Navjot Singh	Physical Sciences
27	19086	Nitin Kumar Tripathy	Physical Sciences
28	19094	Priyank Dubey	Physical Sciences
29	19099	Rakshith M	Physical Sciences
30	19102	Rimila Murmu	Physical Sciences
31	19106	R Rohith	Physical Sciences
32	19107	Rupam Kundu	Physical Sciences
33	19109	Sai Kaarthik	Physical Sciences
34	19118	Satyajeet Moharana	Physical Sciences
35	19122	Shabana Thasni	Physical Sciences
36	19123	Sitakanta Behera	Physical Sciences
37	19127	Soumya Ranjan Parida	Physical Sciences



38	19128	Soumyajit Pal	Physical Sciences
39	19129	Soumyajit Samal	Physical Sciences
40	19131	Sritam Kumar Satpathy	Physical Sciences
41	19133	Subhankar Saha	Physical Sciences
42	19138	Sumit Mohapatra	Physical Sciences
43	19146	Vallabh Vibhu	Physical Sciences
44	19153	Biswaranjan Panda	Physical Sciences
45	19154	Shiba Shankar Sahu	Physical Sciences
46	19155	Sambit Mishra	Physical Sciences
47	18040	Hemojyoti Mondal	Mathematical Sciences
48	19012	Amitabha Roy	Mathematical Sciences
49	19015	Aniket Basak	Mathematical Sciences
50	19030	Atas Jyoti Kaibarta	Mathematical Sciences
51	19045	Divyendu Roy Choudhuri	Mathematical Sciences
52	19071	Lokesh Kumar Garasiya	Mathematical Sciences
53	19095	Purna Dutta	Mathematical Sciences
54	19097	Rahul Tiwari	Mathematical Sciences
55	19098	Rajesh Kumar Sau	Mathematical Sciences
56	19104	Rishendra Singh Chauhan	Mathematical Sciences
57	19115	Santhosh S	Mathematical Sciences

58	19135	Sudhanshu Ranjan	Mathematical Sciences
59	19157	Soumabha Nandi	Mathematical Sciences
60	19005	Aditi Mahanty	Chemical Sciences
61	19008	Aiswarya M	Chemical Sciences
62	19014	Anamitra Chakraborty	Chemical Sciences
63	19018	Ankita Sahu	Chemical Sciences
64	19019	Anurita Sinku	Chemical Sciences
65	19024	Arindam Sinha	Chemical Sciences
66	19028	Arundhuti Chakraborty	Chemical Sciences
67	19034	Bishal Pradhan	Chemical Sciences
68	19035	Biswajit Samal	Chemical Sciences
69	19041	Deepak Kumar Swain	Chemical Sciences
70	19042	Dhananjaya Mohalik	Chemical Sciences
71	19044	Diksha Mittal	Chemical Sciences
72	19058	Kanishka Chaudhary	Chemical Sciences
73	19067	Lapislazuli C V	Chemical Sciences
74	19068	Libun Pradhan	Chemical Sciences
75	19073	Mahendra Kumar Bana	Chemical Sciences
76	19082	Muhammed Aslam P P	Chemical Sciences
77	19108	Russel A S	Chemical Sciences



78	19110	Saiprada Sourav Dehuri	Chemical Sciences
79	19111	Sameer Kumar Nayak	Chemical Sciences
80	19112	Sammit Mitra	Chemical Sciences
81	19113	Sanjana Nayak	Chemical Sciences
82	19116	Satish Kumar Patro	Chemical Sciences
83	19124	Sneha Panja	Chemical Sciences
84	19132	Subhadip Naskar	Chemical Sciences
85	19134	Subhradip Das	Chemical Sciences
86	19139	Surajit Manna	Chemical Sciences
87	19141	Swadhin Pattanaik	Chemical Sciences
88	19147	Varshit Malla	Chemical Sciences
89	19156	Shaswata Karmakar	Chemical Sciences
90	17087	Samir Soren	Biological Sciences
91	19002	Abhinav Shambhunath Verma	Biological Sciences
92	19009	Akankshya Ramkrishna Sahu	Biological Sciences
93	19010	Alphonza Joseph	Biological Sciences
94	19017	Ankit Mohanty	Biological Sciences
95	19029	Aswathi C B	Biological Sciences
96	19040	Deepak Chandrashekhar Ande	Biological Sciences
97	19046	Fizalin Pattanayak	Biological Sciences

98	19047	Gaurav Ashok	Biological Sciences
99	19048	Gauri Vitthal Bhadke	Biological Sciences
100	19050	Harsha P	Biological Sciences
101	19057	Joyita Sarkar	Biological Sciences
102	19059	Karagana Hari Krishna	Biological Sciences
103	19065	Kshitij Behera	Biological Sciences
104	19076	Manisha Manaswini	Biological Sciences
105	19085	Nishant Parida	Biological Sciences
106	19087	Prachiti Vijay Vithole	Biological Sciences
107	19088	Prakhar Varshney	Biological Sciences
108	19089	Pranav Nandan Pradhan	Biological Sciences
109	19091	Pratyush Mishra	Biological Sciences
110	19092	Pritisha Sahu	Biological Sciences
111	19093	Priyadarsani Patra	Biological Sciences
112	19100	Rashmi Ranjan Behera	Biological Sciences
113	19117	Satyajeet Khatua	Biological Sciences
114	19119	Satyam Kumar Singh	Biological Sciences
115	19121	Sayantani Biswas	Biological Sciences
116	19137	Sulagna Roy	Biological Sciences
117	19142	Swagat Dash Mohapatra	Biological Sciences



List of Graduating Students (MS Degree)

S. No	Roll No.	Name	Discipline
1	202104	Muskan Mittal	Biological Sciences
2	202102	Rajgor Milapkumar Khushalchandra	Mathematical Sciences

List of Graduating Students (PhD Degree)

S. No	Roll No.	Name	Discipline
1	1710104	Tanya Verma	Biological Sciences
2	1720102	Subhasish Halder	Biological Sciences
3	1720501	Parul Kumar Sharma	Physical Sciences
4	1810401	Dilip Kumar Sahoo	Mathematical Sciences
5	1810504	Somnath Kale Dadhabhau	Physical Sciences

Gallery: Student sports and cultural activities



(IICM) Gold medal winning dance *jugalbandi* on the occasion of Dedication ceremony



Yoga day celebration by the IISER Berhampur community

Students, staff and faculty cricket match

Various programmes are now regular on campus: workshops, seminars, symposia, and conferences





The award winners with their brief details

It is a matter of great pleasure and pride for me to be part of this 4th convocation of IISER Berhampur. In this milestone event, a total of 117 students have received their BSMS dual degrees. All of them have performed very well in their academic and extracurricular activities. Some of them have shown exceptional talents. In recognition of their achievements, the institute has a few awards. The awards and awardees are as follows:

1. President's Gold Medal:

(Awarded for the best academic performance in the graduating class across all disciplines of the BS-MS Dual Degree programme)

Harsh Mishra (19049) from Department of Physical Sciences with CPI of 9.8, and 15 “Outstanding” grades.

He was selected for the PhD programme at University of Chicago, University of Cambridge, and Cornell University. He will be joining the Quantum Science and Engineering Ph.D program at Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering at the University of Chicago.



2. Director's Gold Medal:

(Awarded for an outstanding all round achievement and leadership in the graduating class across all disciplines of the BS-MS programme)

Sai Kaarthik (19109) of Department of Physical Sciences

Along with maintaining an excellent CPI, Sai Kaarthik has excelled in sports and cultural activities. Have been part of club activities, and have represented the institute in Inter-IISER events. He has also acted as mess representative and hostel representative. Overall, he is an excellent example of a model student.



3. Proficiency Medals (Silver)

(Awarded for the best academic performance in the graduating class in a discipline of the BS-MS Dual Degree programme)



Mr. Pratyush Mishra (19091), Department of Biological Sciences
He will be pursuing his PhD dissertation at Max Planck Institute for Heart and Lung Research, Bad Nauheim, Germany.



Mr. Harsh Mishra (19049), Department of Physical Sciences
He will be joining University of Chicago, USA to join a PhD programme in Quantum Science and Engineering



Ms. Diksha Mittal (19044), Department of Chemical Sciences
She is joining Yusuf Hamied Department of Chemistry at the University of Cambridge, UK for her PhD dissertation



Mr. Aniket Basak (19015), Department of Mathematical Sciences
He has joined the M.Tech. programme in Cryptography and Cybersecurity at the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata



4. Shri Durgadas Mohanty Memorial Gold Medal:

(Awarded to the graduating BSMS student who secures among the highest CPI in Physics major discipline at IISER Berhampur every year)

Mr. Harsh Mishra (19049), Department of Physical Sciences

5. Founder Director's Gold Medal:

(Awarded to the best performing female student in the BSMS programme across all disciplines for showing an outstanding overall performance including academic and extracurricular activities)

Ms. Diksha Mittal (19044), Department of Chemical Sciences



From Editing the student magazine, *Epistem* to winning the 2nd prize in face-painting competition at the Inter-IISER cultural meet, Diksha's involvement in a large number of cultural activities has been commendable, especially given her excellent academic performance.

We congratulate all the students who have completed their BS-MS dual degree and came out with flying colours. Many have gone on to receive prestigious prizes and fellowships, making the institute feel proud. We congratulate every one of them and wish them success in all their future endeavours.

Pledge

“I hereby pledge that I shall always endeavour to be conscientious and honest in the discharge of my duties. I shall stand up to my responsibilities, uphold the ethics and integrity of my profession. In this spirit, I resolve to preserve the prestige and pride of my Institute, IISER Berhampur.

I pledge that I shall utilise the knowledge, experience and skills acquired by me for the betterment of society, and advancement of my country, with innovation and progressive vision. In all circumstances, I shall uphold the dignity of the individual.”

Convocation attire

The Convocation dress of IISER Berhampur will be a traditional white Kurta Pyjama and a stole with the logo of the institute embossed on it. The dress has been chosen to give an Indian look to the Convocation fraternity. The stole is to be worn to display the logo and the design in the front.

The stole has been designed by Dr. Senthil Raani K S, a faculty member of the Department of Mathematical Sciences. The design depicts IISER Berhampur students in their pursuit of excellence in science, art, and sports. The artwork is styled against the famous Odia tribal mural art - Saura paintings.



Innovation **Inscribed with the Strokes of Ethnicity and Radiance**
envisioning our students

Blissfully Embodying Research, Health, Art and Magnificence in Pursuit of Unique Recognition





Convocation committee

Prof. Ashok Kumar Ganguli, Chairperson, Director
Prof. Prosenjit Mondal, Convener, Dean, Academic Affairs
Prof. Viswas Chavan, Dean, Research and Development
Prof. Joydip Mukhopadhyay, Dean, International Relations, and HoD Dept of EES
Dr. Bodhisatta Nandy, HoD, Dept. of Biological Sciences
Dr. Prem Prakash Pandey, HoD, Dept. of Mathematical Sciences
Dr. Sandeep Chatterjee, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Physical Sciences
Dr. Sulakshana P. Mukherjee, HoD, Dept. of Chemical Sciences
Shri Pradeep Kumar Ray, Registrar
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An award-winning wall-art by our students – Atreyee Barman, Devendra Singh, Rabi Sharma, and Sayudh Das. It depicts the metamorphosis of our universe starting from the big bang. Along the space-time continuum, the living world constitutes a tiny, yet very significant offshoot. The wave of thoughts shows a lot of living beings (see if you can spot). In the grander scheme of the universe, the existence of which is nothing short of a miracle. This view of the universe is an abstraction of reality, conceived by us humans. The beauty in it is in the mystery – the mystery of reality that science aims to understand.