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**HOMI BHABHA NATIONAL INSTITUTE ACCORDED APPROVAL TO START ITS  
OFF-CAMPUS CENTRE AT BHUBANESWAR**

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According to the notification issued by the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development, the Central Government, on the advice of the University Grants Commission (UGC), has accorded its approval to the Homi Bhabha National Institute (HBNI), Mumbai, Maharashtra to start an **off-campus centre at Bhubaneswar in the name of National Institute of Science Education & Research (NISER) with prospective effect.**

The aforesaid Act allows for conduct of academic course/programmes, subject to review of the off-campus centre by the UGC biennially for six years and subsequently after every five year subject to usual terms and conditions as prescribed under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2010 and its amendments in 2014 and 2015.

The Institution Deemed to be University viz Homi Bhabha National Institute (HBNI), Mumbai had submitted a proposal to Ministry of Human Resource Development in the year 2010 for establishment of an off-campus centre at Bhubaneswar in the name of National Institute of Science Education & Research (NISER). The proposal was examined by the UGC with the help of an Expert Committee in terms of the provisions of UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2010 and its amendments.

The UGC vide its communication dated 4th February, 2016 conveyed its approval for declaring National Institute of Science Education & Research(NISER), Bhubaneswar as an Off-Campus Centre of Homi Bhabha National Institute (HBNI) subject to concurrence of the Ministry on amendments in Clause 12.03A of the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2010 as amended in the year 2014 & 2015 which relaxes the restrictions of six off-campus to the Institutions Deemed to be Universities which are established and managed by the Government.

Homi Bhabha National Institute (HBNI), Mumbai was declared as an as Institution Deemed to be University on the advice of the UGC on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2005 consisting of following ten Constituent Units:-

- i. Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Mumbai
- ii. Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research (IGCAR), Kalpakkam
- iii. Centre for Advanced Technology (CAT), Indore
- iv. Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre (VECC), Kolkata
- v. Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics (SINP), Kolkata
- vi. Institute of Plasma Research (IPR), Gandhinagar
- vii. Institute of Physics (IOP), Bhubaneswar
- viii. Harish-Chandra Research Institute (HRI), Allahabad
- ix. Tata Memorial Centre (TMC), Mumbai and
- x. Institute of Mathematical Science (IMSc), Chennai

It may be noted that the Central Government is empowered under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act, 1956 to declare, on the advice of the UGC, an Institution of higher learning as a Deemed to be University;

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