

## Inauguration of Chemical Sciences building by HRD Minister



The new Chemical Sciences building at IISc was inaugurated by the Honourable Minister for Human Resource Development, Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank, on October 10, 2019. The building, with an area of 2.75 lakh sq. ft., is a framed structure with a ground floor and three upper floors, and houses laboratories, faculty rooms, an auditorium and classrooms. The Minister took a tour of the building and interacted with students in the laboratories.

## Reconstituted Council of Wardens

The Council of Wardens has been reconstituted with Prof. Dipshikha Chakravorty (Microbiology and Cell Biology) as the Chair. The Council also has Prof. Navin Kashyap (Electrical Communication Engineering), Prof. Monto Mani (Centre for Sustainable Technologies), Dr. Kavita Isvaran (Centre for Ecological Sciences), Dr. Sai Siva Gorthi (Instrumentation and Applied Physics) and Dr. Susheela Devi (Computer Science and Automation) as Honorary Wardens, and the Assistant Registrar, Hostels, as the Secretary. The Council of Wardens will meet regularly to take stock of hostel upkeep, overstaying of students, the social environment in hostels and the maintenance of discipline in hostels, as per the student conduct rules.

## New Rankings and Performance Committee

The Rankings and Performance Committee has been reconstituted with Prof. G. Rangarajan (Mathematics) as the Chair, and Prof. TA Abinandanan (Materials Engineering), Prof. Phaneendra Yalavarthy (Computational and Data Sciences), Dr. Prasanta K. Ghosh (Electrical Engineering) and Dr. Anand T. Byrappa (Library) as members. The Institute has been participating in various national and international rankings of institutions of higher education. The mandate of the Committee is to ensure that consistent, verified and complete data is provided to all ranking systems, track IISc's performance in these rankings and prepare analysis reports, provide advice on measures to improve the Institute's performance, and develop objective metrics for assessing academic and research performance for the Institute to benchmark itself against top institutions in the world.

## M/s. Ashok Tours and Travels office at IISc

M/s. Ashok Tours and Travels, a unit of India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC, a Government of India Undertaking), has set up its office at shop no. 9 of the Sarvam Complex at IISc. M/s. Ashok Tours and Travels has been brought into the campus mainly for enabling booking of tickets for both domestic and international travel by Institute faculty members, students and others. According to the Government of India rules, tickets have to be booked through government-authorized agencies wherever government funding for travel is involved. All the faculty members, students and staff at IISc are advised to use the services provided by them.