IISER Pune sets up COVID-19 testing centre

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With the help of volunteers from within the IISER Pune community including students, staff and faculty members, and led by the institute's action committee on Covid-19, the IISER Pune Covid-19 testing centre commenced testing activities on Thursday

After a review of the facility, workflow, safety guidelines, and SOPs by experts from National Institute of Virology and mentor institute AFMC Armed Forces Medical College, the Indian Council for Medical Research accorded approval for the centre.

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