



STRIDE

The **University Grants Commission (UGC)** has approved a new initiative, **Scheme for Trans-Disciplinary Research for India's Developing Economy (STRIDE)**, to support socially relevant, local need-based, nationally important and globally significant research projects.

- The UGC has set up an advisory committee under its Vice Chairman Bhushan Patwardhan, to oversee the entire scheme.

Components of the Scheme

- **Component 1:** The Scheme will provide for **research capacity building in diverse disciplines** by mentoring, nurturing and supporting young talents to innovate pragmatic solutions for local, regional, national and global problems. Grant available is upto Rs. 1 crore.
- **Component 2:** It will mainly focus on **enhancing problem solving skills** with the help of social innovation and action research to improve wellbeing of people and contribute for India's developing economy. Grant upto Rs. 50 lakh to 1 crore is available for projects under this component.
- **Component-3** will fund high impact research projects **in the identified thrust areas in humanities and human sciences** through national network of eminent scientists from leading institutions. Grant available under this component is upto Rs. 1 crore for one Higher Educational Institution and upto Rs. 5 crores for a multi institutional network.

Expected Benefits from the Scheme

- It will help strengthen **transdisciplinary research** culture in colleges and universities.
 - Trans-disciplinary research is a **team effort of investigators from different disciplines** to create new conceptual, theoretical, methodological innovations that integrates and transcends beyond discipline-specific approaches **to address a common problem**.
 - It goes beyond mere production of knowledge and extends to the **practical use of the knowledge** outside academic endeavour.
- It will provide opportunity to build multi sectoral linkages between **university-government-community-industry** for national development and wellbeing of people.
- It will give major impetus to **high impact research in Humanities** and Human Sciences.

University Grants Commission (UGC)

- The University Grants Commission (UGC) came into existence on 28th December, 1953 and became a **statutory organization of the Government of India** by an Act of Parliament in 1956, for the coordination, determination and maintenance of standards of teaching, examination and research in university education.
- The **head office** of the UGC is located in **New Delhi**.

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