



Approval of Vigyan Dhara Scheme

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The **Union Cabinet** approved the continuation and merger of various schemes of the **Department of Science and Technology (DST)** into **three major components** under a unified central sector scheme named '**Vigyan Dhara**' .

- **Components:** It has three broad components.
 - Science and Technology (S&T) Institutional and Human **Capacity Building**
 - **Research and Development**
 - Innovation, Technology **Development and Deployment.**
- Existing schemes like the [INSPIRE programme](#) would fall under one of these three components.
- **Duration:** The scheme has been proposed for the **15th Finance Commission** period from 2021-22 to 2025-26.
- **Primary Objective:** **To promote S&T capacity building, research, innovation, and technology development, thereby strengthening the [Science, Technology, and Innovation \(STI\) ecosystem](#) in India.**
- **Gender Parity:** The scheme includes focused interventions to increase women's participation in Science and Technology (S&T), with the ultimate goal of achieving [gender parity](#) in Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI).
- **Viksit Bharat 2047:** All programs under '**Vigyan Dhara**' will be aligned with DST's 5-year goals toward realising the vision of [Viksit Bharat 2047](#).
- **Research and Development:** The R&D component of the scheme will align with the [Anusandhan National Research Foundation \(ANRF\)](#), adhering to global standards while addressing national priorities.

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