## **Anusandhan National Research Foundation**

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Recently, the first meeting of the governing board of the **Anusandhan National Research Foundation** (ANRF) was chaired by the **Prime Minister**.

- It focused on initiatives to enhance India's research capabilities and establish a strong research culture across institutions.
- Partnerships for Accelerated Innovation and Research (PAIR), the Mission for Advancement in High-impact Areas (MAHA), and ANRF Centres of Excellence (ACE) are planned to be launched during the meeting.
  - **PAIR** aims to foster **new partnerships** established between **top-tier institutions** and **academic institutions** where research capabilities are limited.
    - It will operate under a <u>Hub and Spoke framework</u>.
  - MAHA is designed to accelerate research in key strategic and emerging areas through priority-driven, solution-focused research.
    - The immediate priority areas for support under MAHA are <u>EV Mobility</u> and <u>Advanced Materials</u>.
  - **ANRF Centres of Excellence** will create a **world-class research environment** with state-of-the-art infrastructure to support **cutting-edge research** in various fields.
- ANRF has been established under the Anusandhan National Research Foundation Act, 2023 to seed, grow, and foster a culture of research and innovation throughout the country.

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