



Swarna Jayanti Fellowship: DST

Why in News

The [Department of Science & Technology \(DST\)](#) has selected 17 scientists for the **Swarna Jayanti fellowship**.

- They were awarded for their **innovative research ideas and the potential of creating an impact on Research and development (R&D) in different disciplines**, the Science and Technology Ministry.

Key Points

- The Swarna Jayanti Fellowships scheme was instituted by the Government of India **to commemorate India's fiftieth year of Independence (1997)**.
- It provides **special assistance and support to a selected number of young scientists** with a proven track record to enable them to pursue basic research in frontier areas of science and technology.
- The award consists of **a Fellowship of Rs. 25000 per month** in addition to the salary drawn from the parent Institute along with a Research Grant of **Rs. 5 lakh per annum by Department of Science and Technology (DST) for a period of 5 years.**
 - In addition to fellowship, grants for equipment, computational facilities, consumables, contingencies, national and international travel, and other special requirements, if any, are covered based on merit.
 - The **fellowships are scientist specific** and not institution-specific, very selective, and have close academic monitoring.
- Scientists selected for the award are allowed to pursue unfettered research with freedom and flexibility in terms of expenditure as approved in the research plan.
 - The **project should contain innovative research ideas and it should have a potential of making an impact on R&D** in the discipline.
- The projects submitted by the selected Fellows are considered for funding by the [Science & Engineering Research Board \(SERB\)](#) as per SERB norms.
 - **SERB is a statutory body** under the Department of Science and Technology, established by an Act of the Parliament of India in 2009.

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