



## Impactful Policy Research in Social Science (IMPRESS)

The Ministry for Human Resource Development has launched the web portal of the Scheme “Impactful Policy Research in Social Sciences (IMPRESS)”.

- Under the Scheme, 1500 research projects will be awarded for 2 years to support the social science research in the higher educational institutions and to enable research to guide policy making.
- IMPRESS scheme will be used to understand and solve problems facing the society. The scheme will be implemented at a total cost of Rs 414 crore till March, 2021.
- Indian Council of Social Science and Research (ICSSR) will be the project implementing agency.

### Objectives of the Scheme

- To identify and fund research proposals in social sciences with maximum impact on the governance and society.
- To focus research on broad thematic areas such as :
  - State and Democracy
  - Urban transformation
  - Media, Culture and Society
  - Employment, Skills and Rural transformation
  - Governance, Innovation and Public Policy
  - Growth, Macro-trade and Economic Policy
  - Agriculture and Rural Development
  - Health and Environment
  - Science and Education
  - Social Media and Technology
  - Politics, Law and Economics.
- To ensure selection of projects through a transparent, competitive process on online mode.
- To provide opportunity for social science researchers in any institution in the country, including all Universities (Central and State), private institutions.
- ICSSR funded/recognised research institutes will also be eligible to submit research proposals on the given themes and sub-themes.

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