

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 342
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.12.2021

Status of STRIDE

342 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the objective, salient features and current status of the Scheme for Trans-disciplinary Research for India's Developing Economy (STRIDE), a national initiative for comprehensive welfare of the society launched by University Grants Commission (UGC);
- (b) whether the scheme will provide for research capacity building in diverse disciplines by assistance, teaching and guidance to young talents for finding innovative and practical solutions to local, regional, national and global problems; and
- (c) details of States and districts in the country included in the STRIDE scheme along with the steps taken by Government to ensure maximum benefits of the scheme for the students?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) & (b): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has launched the Scheme for Trans-disciplinary Research for India's Developing Economy (STRIDE) for strengthening research culture, innovation and supporting trans-disciplinary research relevant to national development and to fund high impact national network projects in the identified thrust areas in humanities and human sciences and Indian knowledge systems. The guidelines of the scheme are available at https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/2089255_STRIDE_FINAL_BOOK.pdf.

(c) The UGC has informed that after a thorough review of the proposals, 35 institutions were finally selected for Component-1 under STRIDE. The list of the selected Higher Educational Institutions is available at https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/1493134_LSPQ-No-3056-Annexure-I.pdf.

STRIDE Scheme will strengthen research culture and innovation in colleges and universities and help students to contribute towards India's developing economy with the help of collaborative research.
