

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
RAJYA SABHA
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Funds allocated to STRIDE scheme

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

- (a) the details of funds allocated towards the STRIDE scheme since its inception;
- (b) the details of the research projects and the collaborating institutions that the scheme has funded since its inception;
- (c) whether there is a measurable outcome proposed under this scheme to meet its first objective i.e. to identify young talent, strengthen research culture, build capacity, promote innovation and support trans-disciplinary research for India's developing economy and national development, if so, the details of the outcomes observed; and
- (d) if not, what measurable outcome will Government rely on to measure the merit of this scheme?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (d): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has launched the Scheme for Trans-disciplinary Research for India's Developing Economy (STRIDE). The guidelines of the scheme are available at https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/2089255_STRIDE_FINAL_BOOK.pdf. The UGC has informed that the First component of the STRIDE Scheme provides for research capacity building. It aims to identify young talent and providing research capacity building in diverse disciplines by mentoring, nurturing and supporting young talents to innovate solutions for local, regional, national and global problems. This component is open to all disciplines under Institutional mode. Under this component, the funds are provided to the Institution for the capacity building of faculty and students. During the last quarter of 2019, a total 35 institutions were selected for Component-1 under STRIDE.

Funds to the tune of Rs. 11.50 crores were allocated for the Component-1 and released as the first instalment to the selected universities and colleges during the financial year 2019-

20. The list of the selected Higher Educational Institutions is available at https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/1493134_LSPQ-No-3056-Annexure-I.pdf .

The UGC has further informed that the duration of the Component-1 is for 03 years and the Selected Institutions will submit a Report after completion of the period of three years. In addition, a Committee for each institution has been constituted for monitoring progress of the work.
