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**Status of National Research Foundation**

**3716 # Dr. Kalpana Saini:**

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

- (a) whether Government is formulating a plan to encourage research in higher educational institutions of Uttarakhand;
- (b) the present status of National Research Foundation; and
- (c) the details of activities carried out by this Foundation in Uttarakhand during the last three years?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a): Premier technical institutions such as Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Roorkee and National Institute of Technology (NIT), Uttarakhand, are functioning in the State of Uttarakhand. Government has launched various schemes to promote research and development in the Higher Educational Institutes of the Country, including Uchchatar Avishkar Yojana (UAY), Impacting Research Innovation and Technology (IMPRINT), Impactful Policy Research in Social Science (IMPRESS), Start-up India Initiative for Higher Educational Institutions (SIIHEI), Scheme for Trans-Disciplinary Research for India's Developing Economy (STRIDE), Scheme for promotion of Research and Academic Collaboration (SPARC), National Initiative for Design Innovation (NIDI) and Scheme for Transformational and Advanced Research in Sciences (STARS). University Grants Commission (UGC) is already implementing various fellowship schemes to encourage higher education in all streams among research scholars by providing financial assistance. The list of schemes is as given below:

- i. BSR Faculty Fellowship
- ii. Emeritus Fellowship
- iii. Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Post Doctoral Fellowship in Humanities and Social Science
- iv. Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship (DSKPDF)
- v. Post-Doctoral Fellowship for SC/ST Candidates
- vi. Post Doctoral Fellowship for Women
- vii. Junior Research Fellowship in Science, Humanities and Social Sciences
- viii. BSR Fellowship for Research (Ph. D)
- ix. Swami Vivekananda Single Girl Child Fellowship for Research in Social Sciences

The following five (5) schemes have been newly launched by UGC:

- i. Dr. D. S. Kothari Research Grant For Newly Recruited Faculty Members
- ii. Research Grant For In-Service Faculty Members
- iii. Fellowship For Superannuated Faculty Members
- iv. Dr. S. Radhakrishnan UGC Post-Doctoral Fellowship
- v. Savitribai Jyotirao Phule Fellowship For Single Girl Child

(b): National Education Policy 2020 provisions for establishment of a National Research Foundation to fund outstanding peer - reviewed research and to actively seed research in Universities and Colleges. The Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) / Committee on Establishment Expenditure (CEE) recommended for approval of the creation of National Research Foundation (NRF). NRF was allotted Rs. 0.01 crore in 2022-23. A budgetary provision of Rs. 2000.00 crore in 2023-24 is made for NRF.

(c): As NRF is in the process of being established, no activities have been carried out yet.

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