

Department of Science and Technology (DST)

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I. Introduction

The Department of Science & Technology plays a pivotal role in promotion of Science & Technology in the country. Science & Technology Policy-2003 states that “Special emphasis will be placed on equity in development, so that the benefits of technological growth reach the majority of the population, particularly the disadvantaged sections, leading to an improved quality of life for every citizen of the country.”

The Department has wide ranging activities ranging from promoting high end basic research and development of cutting edge technologies on one hand to service the technological requirements of the common man through development of appropriate skills and technologies on the other.

The Department supports research through a wide variety of schemes specifically carved out to meet the requirements of different sections of the scientific and engineering community.

II. Name of scheme(s):

- Deep Continental Studies (DCS)
- Himalayan Glaciology (HG)
- Indian Climate Research Programme (ICRP)
- Instrument Development Programme (IDP)
- International S&T Cooperation (ISTC)
- Joint Technology Projects under STAC/IS-STAC
- Monsoon and Tropical Climate (MONTCLIM) & Agrometeorology
- Natural Resources Data Management System (NRDMS)
- Pharmaceuticals Research & Development Support Fund (PRDSF) Programme
- Programme Advisory Committee on Earth Sciences (PAC-ES): R&D Projects Scheme
- Science & Engineering Research Council (SERC)
- Science & Society Programmes (SSP)
- Seismology Programme (SP)
- State Science & Technology Programme (SSTP)
- Technology Development Programme (Joint Technology –Technology System Programme)
- Utilisation of Scientific Expertise of Retired Scientists (USERS)

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