

## Govt announces scheme to accelerate scientific research

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**Which can lead to research careers and knowledge-based economy**

To provide a single platform for research internships, capacity building programs, and workshops across the country, the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), under the Department of Science and Technology, has launched a new scheme called 'Accelerate Vigyan' (AV).

You can get more information on this scheme from its web portal [www.acceleratevigyan.gov.in](http://www.acceleratevigyan.gov.in). Straight off the block, AV has already called for applications under its 'ABHYAAS' component for the Winter Season.

The primary objective of this inter-ministerial scheme is to give more thrust on encouraging high-end scientific research and preparing scientific manpower, which can lead to research careers and knowledge-based economy.

Recognizing that all research has its base as development of quality and well-trained researchers, AV will initiate and strengthen mechanisms of identifying research potential, mentoring, training and hands-on workshop on a national scale.

"The vision is to expand the research base, with three broad goals, namely, consolidation / aggregation of all scientific programs, initiating high-end orientation workshops, and creating opportunities for research internships for those who do not have access to such resources / facilities," said Dr Rajeev Mehajan, Advisor, SERB. The institution is also planning to launch

an app for this in the coming two months.