

## Govt announces exclusive women's portal for research grants and funds

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Dr Jitendra Singh addresses the International Women's Day celebration of CSIR



To mark the International Women's Day, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology Dr Jitendra Singh announced an exclusive women's portal for research grants and funds. The portal will become functional with effect from 1st of April.

The Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) has decided to start exclusive Research Grants for Women Scientists under CSIR-ASPIRE and an exclusive portal in this regard will be available from April 1, 2023. The Special Call inviting proposals from Women Scientists will open the same day.

Only women scientists across the country will be eligible to apply for research grants to carry out R&D in major disciplines of science and engineering viz Life Sciences, Chemical Sciences, Physical Sciences, Engineering Sciences and inter/trans disciplinary sciences.

The funds will be provided for staff (JRF/SRF/RA), contingency and minor equipment. The total budget of a research proposal including research fellow's stipend should generally not exceed the limit of 25-30 lakh.

Pertinent to mention that the proposal for inviting research grant proposals from Women Scientists under Extramural Research Scheme, was approved during the 200th meeting of the Governing Body of CSIR on 17th December, 2022 under the chairmanship of Dr Jitendra Singh.