

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SPARC and IMPRESS

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC) and Impactful Policy Research in Social Science (IMPRESS) have been successful to promote research in higher education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of areas where the students are being under the said Schemes in Rajasthan, District-wise?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) and (b): Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC) was launched in 2018 with an aim to improve the research ecosystem of India's Higher Educational Institutions by facilitating academic and research collaborations between Indian Institutions and the best institutions in the world from 28 selected nations by supporting joint research collaborations. In the first phase of SPARC, 394 proposals have been approved amounting to ₹251.09 Crores.

Based on the progress reports submitted by the principal investigators (PIs) of SPARC, 334 foreign faculty members visited India to conduct Courses, Training Programmes, or Workshop, and 78 Indian faculty members visited abroad for the same purposes. 133 Indian students visited abroad and 32 foreign students visited India. 209 workshops have been organized; around 24,000 students and scholars attended those workshops. 67 monographs have been published. Around 451 tangible outcomes were reported in forms of 266 journal publications and 185 publications in conference proceedings. 8 patents have been filed.

The Impactful Policy Research in Social Science (IMPRESS) scheme was launched in October 2018. Under this scheme, 739 projects were awarded, of which, 708 projects were undertaken. Of these projects, 626 publications have been received so far in national and international journals. The scheme received good response from all parts of the country and applications under 11 domain areas of IMPRESS were received from 33 states/Union Territories. The scheme has attracted the attention of social science scholars and gave them an opportunity to conduct focussed research on policy issues.

(c): Under SPARC, 12 projects have been approved from Institutions situated in Rajasthan. Their details are as follows:

Institute	District	Awarded Projects
Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani	Jhunjhunu	5
Indian Institute of Management Udaipur	Udaipur	3
Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur	Jodhpur	1
Malaviya National Institute of Technology	Jaipur	3

Under IMPRESS, 21 projects have been approved from Rajasthan. Their details are as follows:

District	Awarded Projects
Jaipur	9
Jhunjhunu	9
Ajmer	1
Udaipur	1
Alwar	1
