



Project Information System & Management: SERB

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The **Science and Engineering Board (SERB)** has set up a **portal called PProject Information System & Management (PRISM)** that offers real time information on the various research projects supported by it.

Key Points

- **About PProject Information System & Management (PRISM):**
 - It is called '**SERB – PProject Information System & Management (SERB – PRISM)**'.
 - The **e-platform will provide a whole range of information** regarding all projects sanctioned by SERB from 2011 onwards, including funding details, status, research summary and project output details such as publications and patents.
- **Significance of PRISM:**
 - The portal is expected to work as a **comprehensive tool** to help forge **stronger scientist-scientist, and science-society connections**.
 - It may be linked with important sectors such as water, energy, and climate and with the new concept of **Scientific Social Responsibility (SSR)**.
 - It helps in the **democratisation of Research & Development funding trends**.

- **Science and Engineering Board (SERB):**

- It is a **statutory body** under the **Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology** established by an Act of the Parliament of India in 2009.
- It is **chaired by the Secretary to the Government of India** in the Department of Science and Technology and has other senior government officials and eminent scientists as members.
- It was set up for **promoting basic research in science and engineering** and to provide financial assistance to scientists, academic institutions, Research and Development laboratories, industrial concerns and other agencies for such research.
- It has a mandate to plan, promote and fund **internationally competitive research in emerging areas.**
- Some important schemes of SERB:
 - **SERB-POWER Scheme**
 - **Accelerate Vigyan Scheme: SERB**
 - **National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems**

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