



Partnerships for Accelerated Innovation and Research

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The [Anusandhan National Research Foundation \(ANRF\)](#) has launched the **Partnerships for Accelerated Innovation and Research (PAIR) Program** to enhance [research capabilities in Indian universities](#).

- **Objective:** PAIR aims to enhance university research by using a **hub-and-spoke model**, pairing **top-tier universities (hubs)** with **emerging institutions (spokes)** for mentorship and collaboration.
 - Hub institutions, including top 25 [National Institutional Ranking Framework \(NIRF\)](#)-ranked universities and top 50 Institutions of National Importance will mentor spoken institutions (central and state public universities) with limited research infrastructure.
- **Aligned with NEP 2020:** Aligned with [National Education Policy \(NEP\) 2020](#), PAIR bridges research gaps, promotes regional diversity, and fosters innovation across India's universities.
- **ANRF:** It has been established with **ANRF 2023 Act**, it acts as an **apex body to provide high-level strategic direction of scientific research** in the country as per recommendations of the NEP.
 - With the establishment of ANRF, the **Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB)** established by an act of Parliament in 2008 has been subsumed into ANRF.

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