

National Research Foundation (NRF)

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In news- The Government proposes to set up a National Research Foundation (NRF) to strengthen the research ecosystem in the country.

Key updates-

- NRF is being envisaged as an **umbrella structure that will improve linkages between R&D, academia and industry.**
- The total **proposed outlay** of National Research Foundation is **Rs 50,000 crore** over a **period of five years.**
- One of the **main objectives** of NRF is to seed, grow and facilitate research at academic institutions, particularly at universities and colleges, where research capacity is currently in a nascent stage.
- The foundation will also fund and support high-impact, large-scale multi-investigators and multi-institutions.
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- It will also fund research projects through grants and establish high-intensity thematic research labs in the varied areas of science including nanotechnology, oceanography and information and communication technology.

- A panel comprising almost 80 experts including NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant had submitted a detailed plan to set up the National Research Foundation.