

SSR and SRIMAN Guidelines

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In news- The Union Minister of Science & Technology has recently released Scientific Social Responsibility (SSR) and Scientific Research Infrastructure Sharing Maintenance and Networks (SRIMAN) Guidelines.

About Scientific Social Responsibility (SSR) guidelines-

- The broad **objective of the SSR Guidelines is to harness the latent potential of the scientific community on a voluntary basis** for strengthening science and society linkages.
- SSR is an institutional mechanism and is a significant step to reaching out to the widest spectrum of stakeholders of S&T with knowledge, human resources and infrastructure to make effective use of existing assets for the benefit of society.
- **In tune with the spirit of CSR to earmark some profit for public service**, SSR will enable sharing of knowledge and Infrastructure.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the Inaugural address of the 104th Indian Science Congress in 2017 at Tirupati, Telangana had advocated for Scientific Social Responsibility (SSR) for engaging science for societal welfare.
- It primarily involves bridging science-society, science-science and society-science gaps, thereby bringing trust, partnership and responsibility of science at an accelerated pace towards achieving social goals.
- The SSR activities will benefit the communities, groups, entities or individuals through interactions with the knowledge workers.

SRIMAN Guidelines-

- With the aim of adopting a new approach that can make Research Infrastructure (RI) available to all

stakeholders, the Department of Science and Technology formulated a draft of the SRIMAN Guidelines through detailed stakeholder consultation.

- **The SRIMAN Guidelines aim to promote efficient utilisation and wider access of Research Infrastructure (RI) to scientists,** researchers and industry professionals across the country by creating a network of relevant stakeholders.