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Dear Prof. V. Ramgopal Rao,

1. You may be aware that the Group of Secretaries (SGO-8) entrusted Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), to expand the research base in the country through an innovative scheme, "Accelerate Vigyan" (AV) with three broad objectives as consolidation / aggregation of all scientific training programs in the country, initiating High end Orientation Workshops and creating opportunities for Research Internships primarily to cater to the needs of potential researchers in the Tier II & III universities / institutions. The scheme was formally launched on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 through various reach-out modes, including Pan-India advertisements (14.07.2020) in the leading 15 newspapers. This first call is to seek proposals to organise the events of High-End Workshops & Research Internships from scientific community in esteemed premier institutions like yours.
2. Academic and research institutions spread all over the country, have such equipment which are not only very cost intensive and sophisticated but require special skill to operate and analyse data emanating out of it. As part of the scheme AV, its component 'ABHYAAS' will make such facilities available to young students (mainly PG/Ph.D.) through intensive fully funded trainings / technical high-end workshops ('KARYASHALA') of one or two weeks duration. The 'ABHYAAS' in collaboration with scientific institutions / laboratories of MoST, MoES, MoEF&CC, DBT, MHRD, etc. will also create Research Internships ('VRITIKA') opportunities of one to two months duration for the PG level students. The aim of 'ABHYAAS' is to expose students and empower them through best practices and environment in the premier labs/institution/organizations in the country.
3. Another component 'SAMOOHAN' of the AV scheme has been created to ensure that all the PIs organising major events (training programs of 5 days or more) funded by any department / ministry / organization in the country, register with "Accelerate Vigyan" portal and share information in the requisite format for the purpose of aggregation of a mass data base of skilled manpower developed across different domains / disciplines through its 'SAYONJIKA' program. The database so generated will act as single reference point for the young researchers, scientists and other stake holders in making decisions for planning such capacity building programs in future.
4. In order to achieve the above goals and to work on mission mode, an Inter-Ministerial Overseeing committee (IMOC) has been constituted taking representative members among all the scientific ministries / departments as well as few other stakeholders like MHRD, UGC, DRDO, ISRO, etc. to help and support SERB in implementing "Accelerate Vigyan" scheme as a successful embodiment.
5. These are unprecedented and challenging times for normal functioning of any office due to COVID-19. You would agree that, we all through requisite synergy needs to make the AV a success story as part of our scientific social responsibility. The MHRD, UGC and few others as part of the IMOC as such, have plans to write to your organisation. This letter is to seek your kind support to apprise, encourage and motivate your faculty / scientists apply against the current call for organising 'High-End Workshops' and 'Research Internships' through funding from the 'ABHYAAS' component of the AV scheme. Finer details of the AV scheme are available at [www.acceleratevigyan.gov.in](http://www.acceleratevigyan.gov.in).

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours Sincerely,

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