

WISER Programme

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Why is in news? First 11 awardees of WISER programme to promote participation of women in international R&D and industry projects facilitated

The first 11 awardees of the **Women Involvement in Science and Engineering Research (WISER) programme** were felicitated in the presence of the German Ambassador to India & Bhutan and the Vice Chancellor of the Jawaharlal NehrUniversity today.

The ten (10) women researchers from India and one (1) from Germany holding regular/long-term research positions in academia, research institutions, or industry selected under the WISER-2022 programme will receive financial assistance to participate and collaborate in ongoing R&D & industry projects.

They will not need to apply for fresh project grants in partnering countries.

WISER Programme:

A first-of-its-kind programme to **promote women in the field of research and development through lateral entry** – Women's Involvement in Science and Engineering Research (WISER) program **by Indo-German Science** & **Technology Centre** (IGSTC) for encouraging women researchers in joint R&D projects.

It will support women scientists holding regular/long term research positions in academia or research institutes/industry.

The involvement in the program will be possible through lateral entry.

There is neither requirement of break-in-career nor any age limit, and it will enable easy participation.

IGSTC is going to support the awardees with a maximum amounting to Rs. 39 L from the Indian side & € 48000 from the German side. WISER program offers 20 awards per year.

<u>IGSTC</u>: IGSTC was established by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India and the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), Germany

<u>Objective</u>: to foster innovation through Indo-German R&D networking including industrial research partnership in PPP mode.

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