

**Subject: VAJRA Faculty Scheme: Participation of Overseas Faculty/scientists including Non-resident Indians**

The Department of Science and Technology (DST) through the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) has launched a scheme titled VAJRA (Visiting Advanced Joint Research) *Faculty* to tap the expertise of Overseas Faculty/scientists including Non-resident Indians (NRIs). Hon'ble Prime Minister announced the Scheme during the 15<sup>th</sup> Edition of Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas (PBD) held on January 8, 2017 in Bangalore. The Scheme offers adjunct/visiting faculty positions to overseas scientist/faculty/R&D professional including NRIs to Institutions in India. The Scheme is expected to undertake collaborative research in frontier areas of S&T including the interdisciplinary areas of national priorities such as energy, water, environment, health, security, nutrition, waste processing, advanced materials, high performance computing, cyber-physical systems, smart machines and manufacturing, etc. and stimulate the latent potential of our academic and research sector.

2. Applications for the Scheme are open for submission from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 onwards through [www.serbonline.in](http://www.serbonline.in). Hon'ble Minister (Science & Technology and Earth Sciences) has recently launched the web portal for VAJRA. The Scheme details are available at [www.vajra-india.in](http://www.vajra-india.in). A copy of brochure is could be downloaded from this site.