

Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh says, an umbrella scheme Research, Education and Training Outreach (REACHOUT) is being implemented by the Ministry for capacity building

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Union Minister of State, PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, M/o Earth Sciences; MoS, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh said that an umbrella scheme Research, Education and Training Outreach (REACHOUT) is being implemented by the Ministry of Earth Sciences for capacity building. It consists of the following sub-schemes:

- R&D in Earth System Science (RDESS)
- International Training Centre for Operational Oceanography (ITCOcean)
- Program for Development of Skilled manpower in Earth System Sciences (DESK)

In a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha today, Dr. Jitendra Singh said that the scheme is being implemented for entire country and not State/UT-wise. The main objectives of the above sub-schemes are

- Supporting various R &D activities in the thrust areas of different components of Earth System Sciences that are theme and need based and that would help in attaining the National goals set up for MoES.
- Develop useful collaborations with international organizations for mutual transfer of advanced knowledge in science and technology in Earth Sciences and to provide services to developing countries.
- Develop skilled and trained manpower in Earth Sciences with the support of academic institutions in the country and abroad.

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