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Government of India
Department of Higher Education
International Cooperation Cell

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 23rd June, 2025

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

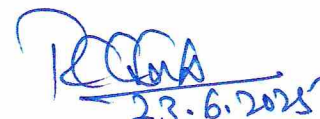
Subject: Scheme for Promotion of Academic & Research Collaboration (SPARC) – updated instructions.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the email dated 16th June, 2025 (**copy enclosed**) from SPARC Joint National Coordinator proposing review / decision on several aspects of the SPARC Scheme.

2. In this context, it is to convey that the proposal has been examined in MoE, and it has been decided to make following changes in the SPARC scheme, with immediate effect:

- (a) Approved projects to have allocation for exclusive funding for demonstrable technologies or action research outcomes and products including consumables, as a part of total project cost which may be dependent on the proposal.
- (b) Call for Proposal / Advertisement to be kept open round the year on the SPARC Portal (<https://sparc.iitkgp.ac.in>).
- (c) Extension of ongoing Phase -II Projects (FY 2023-25) till 31st December 2025.

3. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


23.6.2025

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