

public agencies, other national and international organizations and private institutions. This trend of increased engagement of academics in policy research must be welcomed.

The researchers here must get out of their lethargic shells and take initiative for undertaking research projects. For this fund have become available from sources other than the traditional sources like University Grants Commission, Indian Council of Social Science Research etc. Massive funds are available from development departments of the government, both at central as well as state levels. More importantly, funds are available from outside the government, as noted above. To facilitate the researchers in this initiative, the university / institute administrations must review their procedural requirements and simplify bureaucratic formalities. Correspondingly, the researchers must also learn to comply with the requirements of project preparation, submission of progress reports, accounting and meeting the deadlines. It is only then that they would be able to get in a big way into policy oriented and problem solving studies, enabling them to play a role in shaping, modifying and monitoring the programmes and projects at central, state and local levels.

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