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"COVID-19 crisis demonstrates how DST is rapidly evolving as architect of profound science"- Prof Ashutosh Sharma

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Professor Ashutosh Sharma, Secretary, DST shares his views on how the department is undergoing tremendous change



"The Department of Science and Technology (DST), has undergone tremendous change in recent times evolving into an architect of profound science as against incremental science and the coronavirus crisis is an opportunity to escalate the process. We are now designing programmes such that scientists can take risks in doing their science and produce results that would be impactful and can bring about change. Some of these programmes are the Scientific and Useful Profound Research and Advancement (SUPRA) and Intensification of Research in High Priority Areas (IRHPA). Such programmes are changing the way that science is done. The concept and approach of some of these have been adopted in our efforts to find solutions for the COVID 19 crisis rapidly."

- **Professor Ashutosh Sharma, Secretary, DST**