

Setting up of four new Centers for Railway Research

Four new Centres for Railway Research (CRR) at various institutions of higher learning like IITs & Universities has been sanctioned in budget 2015-16, to carry out research works in various areas of interest related to Railway Technology at Mumbai University, IIT/Roorkee, IIT/Madras and IIT/Kanpur. MoU between Ministry of Railways and Mumbai University has been signed on April 2015 and MoUs for establishing Centre at IIT/Roorkee, IIT/Madras and IIT/Kanpur have also been signed in December 2015.

Research projects will be taken up with new CRRs as per their core areas of strength included in MOU, which have been finalized by RDSO in consultation with respective IITs. A meeting with Directors/Vice-Chancellors of IITs/Mumbai University was held on 10th February 2016 at RDSO, for finalizing formation of Apex Steering Committee, Project Advisory Committee and prospective projects which can be taken up under these CRRs.

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In this connection a meeting of Centres for Railway Research was held on 10th February 2016 at RDSO Lucknow. Setting up of new CRRs, nominations for Apex Steering and Programme Advisory Committees and other modalities were discussed in the meeting. IITs have been asked to submit concept plan for new CRRs.

Apex level Meeting of New Centres for Railway Research (CRRs)

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| • Dr. Sanjay V. Deshmukh, | Vice Chancellor, Mumbai University |
| • Dr. Suresh Ukrande, | Dean, University of Mumbai |
| • Prof. Amalendu Chandra, | Dean of Research and development, IIT/Kanpur |
| • Prof. Sidhartha Panda, | Associate Dean, IIT/Kanpur |
| • Prof. P. Chakraborty, | Prof. in Civil Engineering, IIT/Kanpur |
| • Dr. ManoranjanParida, | Dean SRIC, IIT/Roorkee |
| • Dr. N.P. Phathak, | Associate Professor, IIT/Roorkee |
| • Prof. S.R. Chakravarthy, | Prof. in Aerospace Engineering, IIT/Madras |

Presentations were given by representatives from IITs. Issues like nomination for the Apex Steering Committee & Programme Advisory Committee, concept plan for setting up of the CRR, projects under CRR, procedure order for awarding research projects to IITs etc. were discussed during the Meeting.

