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**Sub: Creating Awareness for Innovation Challenges of Indian Railways.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Ministry of Railways vide its letter No. 2016/E&R/2(12)/2 dated 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 has informed that Hon'ble Prime Minister launched Innovation Challenges at Rail Vikas Shivir, Surajkund on 20.11.2016. A copy of the letter is available on UGC website. Accordingly, the Indian Railways has decided to conduct the following five challenges for the current year:

1. Innovation Challenge for 'Design of Wagons for efficient loading and transportation of new traffic commodities'.
2. Innovation Challenge for 'Easy Accessibility to Trains from Low Level Platforms'.
3. Innovation Challenge for ' New Idea/Suggestion to improve the working of Indian Railways'.
4. Innovation Challenge for 'Increasing Passenger Carrying Capacity of Coaches of Indian Railways'.
5. Innovation Challenge for 'Developing New Digital Capabilities at the Stations of Indian Railways'.

Details of Innovation Challenges viz., participation procedure, terms & conditions, eligibility, guidelines etc are available at website <https://innovate.mygov.in>. Last date for submitting the online application is **20.02.2017 upto 6pm IST**.

These challenges will be of interest to faculty and students of institutions of higher learning as such you are kindly requested to widely publicize the Railway Innovation Challenges amongst the students/faculty/staff of your esteemed university and affiliated colleges.

With kind regards,


Yours sincerely,

  
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**The Vice-Chancellor of all Universities.**

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Ministry of Railways  
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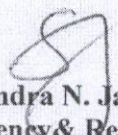
Hon'ble Prime Minister launched Innovation Challenges at Rail Vikas Shivar, Surajkund on 20.11.2016. The Challenges are open to all Indian Resident Nationals and Companies/Institutions. This is in pursuance of announcement by Hon'ble Minister for Railways in the Railway Budget, 2016 for setting up of 'Innovation grants to employees, start-ups and small businesses'. Under the 'Navrachna' initiative, Indian Railways seek solutions to its most critical problems through annual Innovation Challenges. Prizes have been announced for deserving ideas.

These challenges are aimed at promoting innovation in our country by focusing on specific problems being faced by Indian Railways. These challenges will be of interest to faculty and students of institutions of higher learning in the country. In view of UGC being at the forefront of promotion of higher learning in the country, UGC may kindly bring to the notice of universities/institutions these challenges for promoting a culture of innovation. Indian Railways has decided to conduct the following five challenges for the current year :

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