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**Sub: Publicity for Innovation Challenges of IR**

Hon'ble Prime Minister launched Innovation Challenges at Rail Vikas Shivir, Surajkund on 20.11.2016. The Challenges are open to all Indian Resident Nationals and Companies/Institutions. These challenges were announced by Hon'ble Minister for Railways in Railway Budget 2016 under the 'Navrachna' initiative for setting up of 'Innovation grants to employees, start-ups and small businesses'.

The following five challenges are aimed at promoting innovation in our country by focusing on specific problems being faced by Indian Railways:

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'.

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Six awards will be given to the finalists of each Innovation Challenge as per details given below:

First Award	:	06 lacs (Maximum)
Second Award	:	03 Lacs (Maximum)
Third Award	:	02 Lacs (Maximum)
Three Consolation Prizes (Maximum)	:	01 Lac each (Maximum)

Details of Innovation Challenges viz., participation procedure, terms & conditions, eligibility, guidelines etc are available at website '[innovate.mygov.in](http://innovate.mygov.in)'. Last date for submitting the online applications is 20.02.2017 upto 6pm IST.

Since it is required to reach out to all Indian Railway employees and the citizens of the country for innovative ideas, information about Innovation Challenges is required to be widely publicized among all.

PSUs, Central Organisations and Centralised Training Institutes are therefore requested to take necessary action for wider publicity of Innovation Challenges.



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