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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 up to 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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