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NMR to get new engines

Four steam locomotives for NMR are in the process of getting ready at the Golden Rock Workshop of the Southern Railway in Trichy, Chief Railway Manager, Southern Railway, Sunil Kumar Sood has said. — Page 5

Institute for clinical research training opened

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COIMBATORE: KTVR Vijayadeepa Group, which owns KTVR Hospital and KTVR Knowledge Park for Engineering and Technology, has teamed up with Cliniminds to open in the city a centre to provide training programmes in clinical research.

Headquartered in New Delhi, Cliniminds provides job-oriented training and offers educational programmes in various fields of medical science and also in veterinary, pharmacy, biotechnology, biochemistry, microbiology, homoeopathy, Ayurveda and Siddha, the KTVR Group has said in a press release.

The group recently entered into an agreement with Cliniminds to provide classrooms and e-learning courses throughout the State and Pudukcherry.

In keeping with this agreement, a centre would be opened in Chennai. The one in Coimbatore was opened recently at KTVR Gardens at Velandipalayam in the city.

Managing Director of the

KTVR Group V. Janarthanam said at the inaugural that the new initiative aimed at meeting the demand for trained clinical research professionals. With Chennai and Coimbatore being medical cities, such professionals could get training in hospitals, research organisations and also pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies.

Director of Cliniminds Kamal Shahani said the organisation had trained over 1,200 clinical research professionals over the last six years.

Stressing the importance of clinical research, Medical Director (Specialities) of PSG Speciality Hospitals J.S. Bhuvaneshwaran said Indians would benefit a lot from new drugs because of the development in the area of clinical trials in the country.

President of Kovai Medical Center and Hospital U.K. Ananthapadmanabhan emphasised ethics and patient safety during clinical trials. On career opportunities, clinical research training offered good prospects to all life sciences graduates.

Principal of PSG College of

Pharmacy M. Ramanathan called for academia-industry collaboration in making education career-oriented.

Consultant Diabetologist at KTVR Group Hospital J. Vijay Venkataraman said that by 2014, over 50,000 trained professionals would be required to meet the demand in the clinical research industry.

But, there were only very few centres providing training now and only a handful of well-trained professionals passed out each year.

Dr. Venkataraman explained the features of the training at Cliniminds, including paid internship and scholarship.

The Coimbatore Centre would offer post-graduate diploma courses (duration in brackets) in Clinical Trials Management (9 months), Bio-analytical Techniques (6 months) and six-month advanced post-graduate diploma in Clinical Research and Pharmacovigilance, Clinical Research and Regulatory Affairs in Pharma and Clinical Research, Clinical Data Management and Bio-statistics and SAS.