

Cusat Radar to be Mooted for 'Make in India'

Kochi: NITI Aayog member and former director general of DRDO V K Saraswat said he would propose projects in line with Stratosphere-Troposphere Radar in Cusat to be included in the Prime Minister's 'Make in India' programme, so that a network of such 20 Radars could be set up along the length and breadth of the country to help in weather prediction and monsoon variability studies. Saraswat was speaking after visiting the indigenously-developed Stratosphere Troposphere Radar on the campus on Wednesday. He said an apex committee with NITI Aayog member and the secretaries of the Union Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Earth Sciences as the members, will be formed to finalise this proposal. He suggested that a high-end high performance computer be established at the ST Radar Centre for operational purpose and simulation experiments. "The Centre should aim to commence state of the art scientific and technical courses such as integrated PhD for developing skilled human resource in this advanced field.

The Centre should collaborate with other universities and national agencies to share knowledge and experimental facilities and transform itself into a 'Centre of Excellence' by achieving international standards," he said. Saraswat suggested that a Industry-Institution Initiative for indigenous developments of sophisticated instruments and National facility centre be made. Cusat Vice Chancellor J Letha, Pro VC K Poulouse Jacob, Registrar S David Peter, Advanced Centre for Atmospheric Radar Research Director K Mohan kumar received the former DRDO chief.