

# IIT Indore director nominated chairman of M&M panel of AR&DB

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IIT Indore director Prof Suhas S Joshi has been nominated as the chairman of the Materials & Manufacturing (M&M) panel of the Aeronautics Research and Development Board (AR&DB).

AR&DB is a research board working under the DRDO, Ministry of Defence, and has been entrusted with the vision of making India technologically strong by establishing a world-class, cutting-edge aeronautical science and technology base.

This will provide our defence, space and civil aviation sectors a decisive edge by equipping them with internationally competitive sys-

tems and solutions. There are seven panels of the AR&DB, which include Aerodynamics, Aerospace Resources, Materials & Manufacturing, Structures, Systems & Systems Engineering, Propulsion and Unmanned Aero System.

As the panel chairman, Joshi visited various defence DRDO lab facilities in Hyderabad recently, to understand the needs of defence and has been working on making a comprehensive plan for the research needs in this arena. A brain-storming session is also being planned at IIT Indore in the near future as a part of evolving a comprehensive plan so that a nationwide call for proposals from academia and industries can be evolved.