

India

Training Facilities in India Meteorological Department

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Human resource development has always been one of the prime thrust areas of the India Meteorological Department for capacity building and to keep pace with latest trends in various activities of the Department. The Central Training Institute (CTI) of the India Meteorological Department (IMD) is situated at a pleasant location at Pashan in Pune. The training facilities for Upper Air Instrumentation and Meteorological Telecommunication are located at New Delhi.

The Central Training Institute of IMD has a distinguished history dating back to 1942 when it had a humble beginning as an outcome of World War II wherein the need for meteorological training to the personnel working in IMD was acutely felt and, consequently, a formal training course started in that year. In 1943 a full-fledged training school started in Pune, India. Since then this training institute (CTI) has undergone dramatic changes in its training capabilities, composition, objectives, contents, etc, in catering to personnel covering all levels from Class I to Class IV. Since its inception its mission has always been to achieve excellence in education research and service to meteorological community and thereby to the society.

The WMO Executive Council at its thirty-eight session approved the designation of the training facilities of India Meteorological Department in New Delhi and Pune as WMO Regional Meteorological Training Centre (RMTC) for the Regional Association II (Asia) in the year 1986. The activities of RMTC are periodically assessed for quality and contents, by an independent assessor, deputed by WMO. Dr. Robert Riddaway visited RMTC, India (at Pune and New Delhi) during November 26 - December 5, 2002. He was apprised of various activities of RMTC, about which he was very appreciative as evidenced by his communication to WMO.

The presentation describes the Training facilities, Syllabus of various courses offered, statistics and various programs of international co-operation in the field of training in Meteorology.