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CSIR-CFTRI Director Ram Rajasekharan , and A K Manocha, chairman and MD, IRCTC, and CFTRI director, signed an MoU which aims to provide technology to Indian Railways to provide enhanced healthy, safe, diverse region-specific food products with an extended shelf-life for rail travellers.

Besides these, the IRCTC and CFTRI also agreed to finalise the list of products and services for which CFTRI would provide its technology to IRCTC, a PSU of Indian Railways.

“The MoU with CFTRI reinforces our commitment to upgrade and standardise our catering services. It will further help IRCTC to provide safe, nutritious and hygienic food to the railway passengers,” said Manocha.

CFTRI is one of the 40 national research laboratories in India, set up under the aegis of CSIR. It has a proven track record in food safety and designing and developing over 300 products and processes in the production and handling of grains, pulses, spices, fruits, vegetables, meat, fish, and poultry.

Earlier, IRCTC had joined hands with government-owned Defence Food Research Laboratory (DFRL) for transfer of technology in the field of food and beverage processing and packaging that would upgrade its catering operations.

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