

Fulfilling Russia's obligation to create the basic configuration of the Nuclotron-based Ion Collider Facility (NICA)

In order to create and launch the Nuclotron-based Ion Collider Facility (NICA), money is allocated to the budget of the international intergovernmental research organisation, Joint Institute for Nuclear Research, for the construction on Russian territory of an international-level experimental base for fundamental research into a number of current issues of contemporary physics.

Reference

Submitted by the Ministry of Education of Russia.

In accordance with Government Directive No. 783-r dated 27 April 2016, the Ministry of Education on behalf of the Government of the Russian Federation signed an agreement on the creation of the Nuclotron-based Ion Collider Facility (NICA) with the international intergovernmental research organisation, Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement and NICA, respectively).

NICA is located in Dubna (Moscow region), on the premises of the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research, and involves the creation of an accelerator with heavy ion and polarised beams, experimental equipment to conduct hadron research, a NICA centre for innovative designs with high-technology equipment for scientists and other specialists, as well as a training base for researchers and engineers.

Under the Agreement, the project's total cost is 17,500 million roubles, 8,800 million of which come from Russia. Under the plan, the NICA will be built in 2016–2020.

In 2016, the Russian Ministry of Education allocated 4,837.9 million roubles to the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research.

In accordance with Federal Law No. 326 dated 14 November 2017, On Amending the Federal Law On the Federal Budget for 2017 and the 2018-2019 Planning Period, 3,962.1 million roubles are allocated to the Russian Ministry of Education in 2017 under the International Cooperation in Science subprogramme of the state programme Science and Technology Development for 2013-2020, which provide for the implementation of Russia's obligation to create NICA up to 2019.

Under the signed directive, the Russian Ministry of Education is authorised to pay part of the fee to the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research from these

funds in 2017.

This decision will help create in Russia an international-level experimental base for fundamental research into a number of important current issues in contemporary physics.