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ICAR's 20th ALL INDIA ENTRANCE EXAMINATION FOR ADMISSION TO BACHELOR (AIEEA-UG-2015) MASTER (AIEEA-PG-2015) AND DOCTORAL [AICE-SRF (PGS) -2015] DEGREE PROGRAMS IN AGRICULTURE AND ALLIED SCIENCES AT AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES FOR 2015-16

NOTIFICATION

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) invites applications from Indian Nationals, in the prescribed format, for ICAR's 20th **AIEEA-UG-2015 & AIEEA-PG-2015** on 100% seats at ICAR-Deemed-to-be-Universities (Bachelor degree at NDRI, Karnal and RLB Central Agricultural University Jhansi, while Master degree at IARI, IVRI, NDRI and CIFE), and on 15% seats for Bachelor degree and 25% seats for Master degree at State Agricultural Universities, Central Agricultural University Imphal, Central Universities with Agricultural Faculty (Banaras Hindu University; Viswa Bharati, Nagaland University, Aligarh Muslim University (for PG only) and SHIATS Allahabad and All India Competitive Examination, **AICE-SRF (PGS)-2015** for centralized admission to 25% seats in Agricultural Universities (AUs) under ICAR-AU system for the academic session 2015-16. **Bachelor Degree programmes** (viz. B.Sc.Ag./B.Tech./B.F.Sc. etc.) are in the subjects of Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries, Forestry, Home Science, Sericulture, Biotechnology, Agricultural Engineering, Dairy Technology, Food Science, Agricultural Marketing & Co-operation (*This examination does not include admission to Bachelor degree programmes in Veterinary Sciences*). **Master and Doctoral Degree programmes** are in the fields of Agriculture, Horticulture, Forestry, Agri. Engineering, Home Science, Biotechnology, Physical Science, Social Sciences, Dairy Science, Fisheries Science, Veterinary Science and other allied sciences. Based on the results of AIEEA-UG-2015 examination, National Talent Scholarships (NTS) will be awarded to Bachelor degree students whereas based on the merit-rank in AIEEA-PG-2015 examination, 475 ICAR-Junior Research Fellowships (JRF) will be awarded to Master degree students. Likewise, based on merit in AICE-SRF (PGS)-2015, 202 Senior Research Fellowships (SRF) for pursuing Ph.D degree will be awarded in different disciplines.

*The procedure for online application has been described in the respective examination Information Bulletins. For Ph.D admissions and SRF (PGS), the applications will be submitted **ONLINE** only. Applications for AIEEA-UG and PG can be submitted Online/Offline. For submitting application Online, a provision has been kept to deposit the application fee either through (i) Bank challan of Syndicate Bank or (ii) Credit/debit card using Payment Gateway of the Canara Bank or (iii) NEFT.*

Other details can be seen in the respective Information Bulletins/ICAR website.

1. Dates of Examination:

UG: Saturday, the 11th April 2015 (10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.)
PG: Sunday, the 12th April 2015 (10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.)
Ph.D.: Sunday, the 12th April 2015
 (10: 00 A.M. to 01:00 P.M.) Single paper

2. Sale of Information Bulletin/Application Forms:

UG & PG (Online/Offline) 01st February, 2015 to 23rd February, 2015
Ph.D. (Online only) 01st February, 2015 to 23rd February, 2015

3. Eligibility:

3.1. Age:

For AIEEA-UG-2015: Between 17 to 23 years for General category candidates as on 31st August 2015.
 (UG Examination) (must have been born between 01.09.1992 to 01.09.1998). The upper age limit for candidates belonging to SC/ST/PC (Physically Challenged) categories would be relaxable by 5 years.

For AIEEA-PG-2015: Not less than 19 years as on 31st August 2015.
 (PG Examination) (must not have been born after 01.09.1996)

For AICE-SRF (PGS)-2015

(Ph.D Examination): The upper age limit shall be 30 years for General category candidates as on 12th April, 2015, the date of examination. The upper age limit for candidates belonging to SC/ST/Women/PC/OBC (Non-creamy layer as per the Central list of OBC) categories shall be relaxable by 5 years. For in-service candidates, the upper age limit shall be 45 years in all cases as per the extant norms and guidelines.

3.2. Qualifying Examination:**3.2.1. For AIEEA-UG-2015: (Other than Veterinary Sciences)**

Must have passed and obtained not less than 50% marks in aggregate for admission under General, UPS (Under Privileged State) and OBC categories or 40% marks in aggregate for admission under SC, ST and PC categories in 10+2 examination or equivalent/Inter (Agriculture) with PCM/ PCB/ PCMB/ PCA/ PCH subject combinations.

3.2.2. For AIEEA-PG-2015:

Bachelor's degree in Agriculture, Veterinary, Agricultural Engineering, Fisheries, Horticulture, Home Science, Sericulture, Dairy Technology, Forestry, Agri. Marketing and Cooperation, Food Science, Biotechnology, Basic and allied sciences, etc. under 10+2+5 or 10+2+4 or 10+6 years degree programmes, (Few seats are also available for candidates having Bachelor degree with 10+2+3 year degree programme) with required OGPA of 6.60/10, 3.25/5, 2.60/4 for General, OBC and UPS categories whereas for SC/ST/PC categories, the said requirement is 5.60/10, 2.75/5, 2.20/4, respectively. In other cases, where grade-points are not awarded and only marks are awarded, the candidate must have secured at least 60% marks for General, OBC and UPS categories whereas for SC/ST/PC, the requirement is 50% marks. (Equivalence between OGPA and % marks will not be acceptable). The in-service candidates, seeking admission in ICAR Deemed-to-be-Universities, should see their respective website.

3.2.3. For AICE-SRF (PGS)-2015:

The candidates must have passed Master's Degree programme in the concerned discipline securing Overall Grade Point Average of at least 6.50/10.00 scale, 3.25/5.00 scale, 2.60/4.00 scale for General and OBC Categories and 5.50/10.00, 2.75/5.00, 2.20/4.00 scale for SC/ST/PC candidates, respectively. In other cases, where grade-points are not awarded and only marks are awarded, the candidate must have secured at least 60% marks for General/OBC Category. For SC/ST/PC candidates, the minimum percentage of marks will be 50%. The equivalence between OGPA and percent marks, where needed, will not be applicable. Candidates must complete the postgraduate degree in all respects and produce the degree-completion certificate from the Registrar to this effect on/before 30th June, 2015 or the date of counseling, whichever is later, failing which they will not be considered for admission and the award of fellowship. Normally, the counseling shall be held in the second half of July, 2015. The fellowship would be granted only when the candidate seeks admission through counseling conducted by ICAR and pursues Ph.D degree in an Agricultural University (AU) other than the AU from where the candidate has completed Bachelor's and /or Master's degree. The candidates who have already joined Ph.D should not have completed two years as on the date of examination. The above condition will also apply to in-service candidates.

4. Award of Scholarship/Fellowship

- 4.1. National Talent Scholarship (NTS)** will be awarded to those candidates, selected through AIEEA-UG-2015 examination, who join a State Agricultural University located outside their state of domicile.
- 4.2. ICAR-JRF (Post Graduate Studies):** Based on the merit in the AIEEA-PG-2015 examination, 475 ICAR-Junior Research Fellowships for Postgraduate Studies [ICAR-JRF (PGS)] in 20 major subject groups will be awarded for two years in Agricultural Universities, i.e. State Agricultural Universities, CAU and CUs with agriculture faculty, SHIATS Allahabad and ICAR-DUs, provided their Bachelor degree is not from the same AU (except NDRI, Karnal). That means JRF will be given to only those candidates who join the Master degree programme in the University other than from where he/she has obtained his/her Bachelor's degree except at NDRI, Karnal where admissions for 100% seats are made on All India basis through ICAR Entrance Examination. Candidates, currently studying for their Master's degree in 1st year, can also appear in AIEEA-PG-2015 examination for securing ICAR-JRF (PGS). However, if a ICAR-JRF (PGS) holder seeks fresh admission, entire amount of fellowship received by him/her shall have to be refunded with interest and he/she will not be entitled for fresh ICAR-JRF (PGS).

4.3 ICAR-SRF (Post Graduate Studies):

Based on the merit in the AICE-SRF (PGS)-2015 examination, 202 Senior Research Fellowships (SRF) in 16 Major Subject Groups will be awarded for pursuing Ph.D. degree in different disciplines. The award of ICAR-SRF (PGS) can be availed within a period of one year from the date of issue of the award letter for seeking admission in Ph.D. programme in the qualifying subject at any Agricultural University (AU). The fellowship will be tenable only for a period of three years at the University/Institute where Ph.D. programme consists of both course work and research. If already registered as full time Ph.D. Scholar, he/she should not have completed two years on the date of examination. The fellowship will **NOT** be available for admission in any university other than the State Agricultural Universities (SAUs), Deemed-to-be-Universities, viz. IARI (New Delhi)/IVRI (Izatnagar)/NDRI (Karnal)/CIFE (Mumbai)/SHIATS (Allahabad), Central Agricultural University (Imphal, Manipur), and Central Universities having faculty of agriculture, viz. Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), Viswa Bharati, and Nagaland University. Fellowship would be granted only when the candidate seeks admission through counseling conducted by ICAR and pursues Ph.D degree in an Agricultural University (AU) other than the AU from where the candidate has completed Bachelor's and/or Master's degree. However, if an existing ICAR-SRF (PGS) holder seeks fresh admission, entire amount of fellowship received by him/her shall have to be refunded with interest and he/she will not be entitled for fresh ICAR-SRF (PGS). In case of an in-service candidate, who is in receipt of full/partial leave salary from his/her parent organization, the amount of ICAR-SRF shall be limited to Rs. 3,000/- p.m. in addition to the research contingency as applicable to fresh candidates.

- 5. Reservation:** 15% seats in all subjects are reserved for candidates belonging to SC and 7.5% for ST. Horizontal reservation of 3% for PC and 2% for UPS category is also available. Reservation for OBC in Central Educational Institutions/ Universities will be as per Government of India/ Hon'ble SC directives. Reservation in PC and UPS categories will be horizontal across all categories, i.e. such candidates would draw their seat from the SC/ST/OBC/GEN categories to which they may belong.

For PC candidates of AICE-SRF (PGS) examination, 3% reservation will be horizontal across all categories, i.e. such candidates would draw SRF from the GEN/SC/ST category to which they belong. If ICAR-SRF (PGS) is not available for a particular category to which the PC candidate belongs, then the same would be drawn from General category depending upon availability.

6. Question Papers

6.1. Question Paper for AIEEA-UG-2015:

There will be only one question paper consisting of 180 multiple-choice objective type questions, in Physics, Chemistry and Biology (or Agriculture) for “**STREAM-A**” and Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics for “**STREAM-B**”. The question paper will be in ENGLISH and HINDI. For each incorrect answer, one mark will be deducted from the total score.

6.2. Question Paper for AIEEA-PG-2015:

There will be only one question paper in each major subject group consisting of 150 multiple-choice (MCQ), objective type questions, and also 10 cross-matching type questions. The question papers will be in ENGLISH only. For each incorrect answer in MCQs, one mark will be deducted from the total score, while for each incorrect cross-matching type sub-question/pairing, 0.2 marks will be deducted from the total score.

6.3. Question Paper for SRF-PGS-2015:

There will be a single OMR based paper of 3 hrs duration having MCQs (4 options) carrying a total of 200 marks. Section A comprising 20 MCQs of one mark each (total 20 marks) will have questions on General Knowledge in agriculture & allied sciences including current events and such matters of everyday observation and experience as may be expected to be known to a research scholar while Section-B comprising 180 MCQs, of one mark each (total 180 marks) will have questions on specific Major Subject Group (Code 1-16 as applicable and comprising of different sub-subjects) chosen by the candidate. There will be negative marking of (-)25%/(-)0.25 marks for each wrong answer. The question papers will be in ENGLISH only.

7. Cost of Information Bulletin with Application form:

AIEEA-UG-2015: ` 500/- for General, OBC and UPS categories and ` 250/- for SC, ST and PC categories.

AIEEA-PG-2015: ` 600/- for General, OBC and UPS categories and ` 300/- for SC, ST and PC categories

In addition, ` 25/- per Bulletin would be charged in case of UG and PG as handling charges plus service tax, as applicable, in case of purchase against cash (from the Registrars of Ag. Univ/specified branches of Syndicate Bank at specified places). The forms can also be obtained from nine specified ICAR Institutions by depositing DD.

SRF (PGS)-2015: AICE-SRF (PGS)-2015 Information Bulletin will be available only ONLINE at www.icar.org.in from 01.02.2015 onwards and a fee of ` 1200/- for General/OBC and ` 600/- for SC/ST and PC categories shall have to be deposited through any of the three modes of payment, while submitting the application **Online**.

Sources for Availability of UG & PG Information Bulletin with Application Form:

- A. The forms can be obtained by cash payment from Registrars of Agricultural Universities or from the specified branches of Syndicate Bank and also from eight ICAR Institutions by payment through Bank Draft from 01st February, 2015 to 23rd February, 2015.**

I. FROM AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES: (On Payment by Cash)

The Information Bulletins with Application Forms will be available for sale against Cash Payment from the **Offices of the Registrars of Agricultural Universities** viz., (1) AAU Anand (**Gujarat**), (2) AAU Jorhat (**Assam**), (3) ANGRAU Hyderabad (**A.P.**), (4) Dr. Y.S.R. HU, Venkataramannagudem (**A.P.**), (5) AMU Aligarh (**UP**), (6) Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour, Bhagalpur (**Bihar**), (7) BAU Ranchi (**Jharkhand**), (8) BCKV Mohanpur, Nadia (**W.B.**), (9) CAU Imphal (**Manipur**), (10) CCSHAU Hisar (**Haryana**), (11) CSAUA&T Kanpur (**U.P.**), (12) CSKVV Palampur (**H.P.**), (13) Dr. BSKKV Dapoli (**M.S.**), (14) Dr. PDKV Akola (**M.S.**), (15) Dr. YSPUH&F Solan (**H.P.**), (16) GADVASU Ludhiana (**Punjab**), (17) GBPUA&T Pantnagar (**Uttarakhand**), (18) Institute of Agriculture, BHU Varanasi (**UP**), (19) IGKVV Raipur (**Chhattisgarh**), (20) JAU Junagadh (**Gujarat**), (21) JNKVV, Jabalpur (**M.P.**), (22) KAU Thrissur (**Kerala**), (23) KVAFSU Bidar (**Karnataka**), (24) MA&FSU Nagpur (**M.S.**), (25) MPUA&T Udaipur (**Rajasthan**), (26) MPKV Rahuri (**M.S.**), (27) VNMKV Parbhani (**M.S.**), (28) NAU Navsari (**Gujarat**), (29) NDUA&T Faizabad (**U.P.**), (30) OUA&T Bhubaneswar (**Odisha**), (31) PAU Ludhiana (**Punjab**), (32) PSB Sriniketan, Viswa Bharati (**West Bengal**), (33) RAU Pusa, Samastipur (**Bihar**), (34) RVSKVV Gwalior, (**M.P.**), (35) SASARD, Nagaland University, Medziphema (**Nagaland**), (36) SHIATS Allahabad (**UP**), (37) SKDAU Sardarkrushinagar (**Gujarat**), (38) SKRAU Bikaner (**Rajasthan**), (39) SKUAS&T Jammu (**J&K**), (40) SKUAS&T(K) Srinagar (**J&K**), (41) SVBPUA&T Meerut (**U.P.**), (42) SVVU Tirupati (**AP**), (43) TANUVAS Chennai (**T.N.**), (44) TNAU Coimbatore (**T.N.**), (45) UAS, GKV, Bengaluru (**Karnataka**), (46) UAS Dharwad (**Karnataka**), (47) UAS Raichur (**Karnataka**), (48) UHS Bagalkot (**Karnataka**), (49) UPPDDUPCVVEGAS, Mathura (**U.P.**), (50) UBKVV Cooch Behar (**W.B.**), (51) WBUAFS Kolkata (**W.B.**), (52) KUFOS, Kochi (Kerala), (53) KVASU, Wayanad (Kerala), (54) SKNAU, Jobner, (**Raj.**)

(These Universities will not entertain any request for Information Bulletin to be sent by Post)

II. FROM SYNDICATE BANK BRANCHES: (On Payment by Cash through Challan)

(a) AIEEA-UG-2015:

Andhra Pradesh: (1) D.No. 40-3-2, M.G. Road, Labbipet, Vijayawada. (2) 5-9-246/1, Opp. Grammar School, Abid Road, Hyderabad. **Assam:** (3) 135, Motilal Nehru Road, Pan Bazar, Distt. Kamrup, Guwahati. **Bihar:** (4) 23, Choti Kalyani Road, Near Kalyani Post office, Muzaffarpur, (5) Capital Tower, Block-B, Fraser Road, Patna, **Chandigarh:** (6) Shop No. 236 Ekta Market, Sector-45 B, Burail, Chandigarh-160047. **Chhattisgarh:** (7) Maurya Picture Complex, G.E. Road, Bhilai. (8) 113, Smt. Surjadevi Shukla Camp, Near Deshbandhu School, Station Road, Raipur. **Gujarat:** (9) Samrudhi, G.H.-4, Sector-16, Gandhinagar. **J&K:** (10) Sant Palace, Purani Mandi, Jammu. (11) No. I, Exchange Road, Srinagar. **Jharkhand:** (12) C-1, City Centre, Sector 4, Bokaro Steel City. **Karnataka:** (13) Karnataka University Campus, Pavate Nagar, Dharwad, (14) 66, 9th Main Road, 3rd Block, Jaynagar, Bengaluru. **Kerala:** (15) I-Floor, M.S. City Centre, Bank Road, Kasaragod. **Madhya Pradesh:** (16) 102/103, Kalachand Mansion, Berasia Road, Bhopal. (17) Moti Market, Jayendraganj, Lashkar, Gwalior. (18) 31-1, Nanda Nagar, Main Road, Indore. **Maharashtra:** (19) Prakash Apartments, Plot No. CIS-2410, SVP Road, Borivali West, Mumbai. **Odisha:** (20) Ward No. 14, Nandi Sahi, P.O.- Choudhary Bazar, Cuttack. **Puducherry:** (21) Kannan Building, Maidan Road, Mahe. **Punjab:** (22) Near Hotel Sky Lark, Model Town Road, Jalandhar City. **Rajasthan:** (23) Jaipur Towers, MI Road, Jaipur, (24) 68, Old Dhan Mandi, Sarovar Cinema Road, Kota. **Tamil Nadu:** (25) Door No. 24, 1st Floor, Sardar Patel Road, Adyar, Chennai. **Uttarakhand:** (26) 45, Rajpur Road, Dehradun, (27) Shakti Motors Complex, Kaladhungi Road, Mukahani, Haldwani. **Uttar Pradesh:** (28) Garib Manjil, Abad Nagar, Dodhpur Civil Lines, Aligarh, (29) 167-A, Civil Lines, Bareilly, (30) B-16-17, Sector-18, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, (31) 177/035 Zamir Mansion, Dr. B.N. Road, Opp. Gulmarg Hotel, Aminabad, Lucknow, (32) Chandrasekhar Azad market, 1st Floor, Sardar

Patel Marg, Civil Lines, Allahabad, (33) B-I-B, Officers Colony, Sarvodaya Nagar, Kanpur. **West Bengal:** (34) 1, Parcus Road, G.T. Road Cross, 1 WG, Burdwan, (35) 42, G.T. Road (South), Howrah.

(b) AIEEA-UG-2015 and AIEEA-PG-2015: (On Payment by Cash through challan)

NEW DELHI (1) 1st Floor, Arunachal Building, 19, Barakhamba Road, (2) Delhi Tamil Sangam Building, Sector 5, R.K. Puram, (3) Institute of Hotel Management, Amar Colony, Near Guru Nanak Market, Lajpat Nagar (4) Pusa Campus Main Branch, IARI, Pusa.

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III. FROM ICAR INSTITUTIONS (By Depositing Bank Draft Only)

Information Bulletin with Application Form can also be obtained, in person, by depositing an account payee bank draft from any scheduled bank of amount mentioned above and from the sale counters at the following **ICAR Institutions:**

- (i) CARI, Port Blair, (ii) CIFE, Mumbai, (iii) IVRI, Izatnagar (iv) NAARM, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad, (v) NDRI, Karnal, (vi) ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam, Meghalaya; (vii) ICAR Research Complex for Goa, Ela, Old Goa (viii) IGFRI, Jhansi and (ix) ICAR-Examination Cell (Education Division), Room No. 216, ICAR, KAB-II, Pusa, New Delhi.

Online Application Form & Information Bulletin: For Online application and downloading Information Bulletin visit www.icar.org.in

The A/c payee bank draft should be drawn in favour of **“ICAR Unit-Education Division, ICAR, New Delhi”** payable at **“New Delhi”** and candidate should write the details of his/ her name and address on the back of the Bank Draft. It may be checked that the Bank Draft contains the name of the issuing bank and branch, signature of the issuing authority, amount in words, date of draft etc. clearly. In no case, ICAR will be held responsible for non-receipt of the application and bank draft on account of postal delay. Application Form must be sent in original and duly completed in all respects. Photo/ Fax copies of Application and Application on Specimen copy of the Form shall not be considered.

Incomplete/Unsigned/Mutilated Application Form or/Form without Photograph/with unclear Photograph/Form having overwriting/without requisite fee amount or amount lesser than prescribed fee shall be rejected and no correspondence in this regard shall be entertained. Application of General/OBC/UPS category candidate applying on Form meant for SC/ST/PC category shall be summarily rejected. The candidate is advised to retain (i) a photocopy of the filled-in OMR Application form (offline applications)/Computer generated confirmation pages (online application) (ii) Candidate copy of Admit Card (iii) proof of payment of application fee and (iv) receipt of the Speed/ Registered Post.

The last date for the receipt of Applications in the office of **“Controller of Examinations (Agril. Education), ICAR, Room No. 216, Krishi Anusandhan Bhavan-II, Pusa, New Delhi-110012”** for UG, PG and Ph.D examinations is 23rd February, 2015. However, for UG and PG candidates belonging to certain remote areas like NE Region, J&K, Lahaul & Spiti district and Pangi Sub-division of Chamba district of H. P., A&N Island and Lakshadweep, the last date of receipt of applications, through offline/ online mode (hard copy of the computer generated confirmation pages of application) will be 27th February, 2015. The last date to receive the hard copy of the computer generated confirmation pages of application form from Ph.D candidates from remote areas will also be 27th February, 2015. Applications received after the last date shall be rejected and Agril. Education Division, ICAR will not be responsible for non-receipt of applications within the time schedule due to postal delay or any other reasons. It is the sole responsibility of the candidate to check his/her eligibility for admission before applying. ICAR will not be held responsible for refusing admission to any non-eligible candidate at the time of Counseling (UG, PG and Ph.D) or later. All disputes relating to the conduct of these examinations or any matter connected with this advertisement shall be in the jurisdiction of DELHI COURT only. The candidates are advised to be vigilant about the announcements on the ICAR website as the ICAR would not be held responsible for non-receipt of information by post or otherwise on this account.

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