



## From Chairman's desk



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During this period, the Board celebrated its 43<sup>rd</sup> Foundation Day on 3 November, 2016 at ICAR-CSSRI, Karnal. Prof. Ramesh Chand, Hon'ble Member, NITI Aayog graced the occasion as Chief Guest and delivered the Foundation Day lecture. He appreciated the glorious journey of ASRB for 42 years for which the credit must go to the people of repute who have guided ASRB in achieving its goals and that ASRB has always tried to select the best talent for the ICAR system. A Brainstorming Session on "Talent Search and Retention in Scientific, Technical and Administrative Cadres of ICAR" was also organized in the afternoon of 3<sup>rd</sup> and forenoon of 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2016.

During this period, the Board had completed recruitment process for 38 positions in the scientific cadre based on lateral entry. Only two positions could not be filled up due to non-availability of suitably qualified and experienced applicants. About 177 proposals for placement as Principal Scientist under the Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) is under process.

The result of NET 2016 (I) which was conducted from 1-6 August, 2016 at 23 centres has been declared and certificates of all 3803 successful candidates have been issued.

Combined NET Examination 2017 (I) and ARS (Preliminary) is tentatively scheduled to be held shortly in online mode in 56 disciplines at 23 centers across India.

Common Written Examinations for filling up vacancies of Technical Assistant (T-3) and Technician (T-1) at the various ICAR institutes were conducted on 17 July, 2016 and 4 September, 2016 respectively. Further process is on in this regard.

Limited Departmental Competitive Examinations for filling of Assistants is scheduled to be held shortly

and other examinations for filling up positions of LDCs at the ICAR headquarters and institutes and Stenographer Grade-III through direct recruitment are scheduled in the near future.

There is always scope for betterment and I look forward to have your feed-back for improving our efforts.

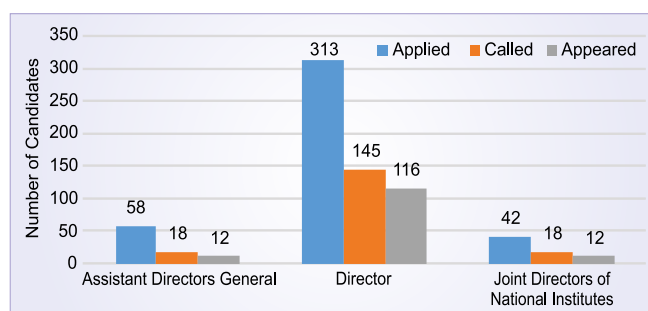


**(Gurbachan Singh)**  
Chairman

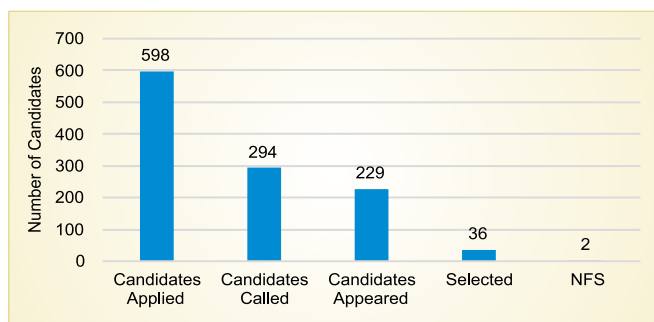
## Recent Achievements

### Direct Recruitment/Lateral entry

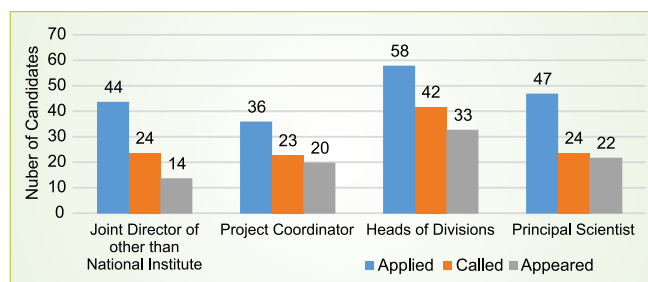
During the period, Board completed recruitment process for 38 posts. Of these, 50% posts were Research Management Positions (Directors, Assistant Directors General, and Joint Directors of National Institutes), 34% posts were for Head of Divisions & Project Coordinators and Joint Directors of other than National Institutes and remaining were Principal Scientists. The Board recommended suitable applicants in 95% cases while only



Recruitment details of Assistant Directors General and Directors and Joint Directors of National Institutes



Details of Direct Recruitment posts



Recruitment details of Joint Directors of other than National Institutes, Project Coordinators, Heads of Divisions and Principal Scientists

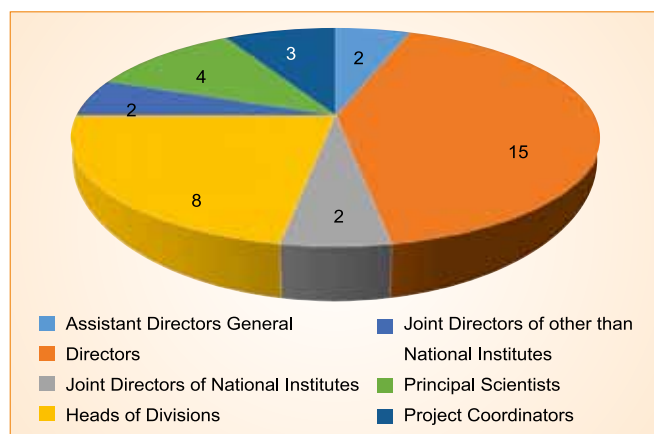
5% posts could not be filled due to non-availability of suitable candidates.

## Recruitment through competitive Examination

### Agricultural Research Service Examination-2015

The ARS Main Examination 2015 was conducted on 8 May, 2016 at 12 Centres. 1764 candidates appeared for 97 vacancies in 30 disciplines. The *viva voce* was conducted from 13 October, 2016 to 29 November, 2016 for 363 qualified candidates. Based on performance of candidates in the main written examination and *vive voce*, a total of 79 candidates have been recommended for appointment.

Analysis of data showed that in Agricultural Chemicals disciplines, the number of vacancies and the number of candidates clearing the Main Examination were almost

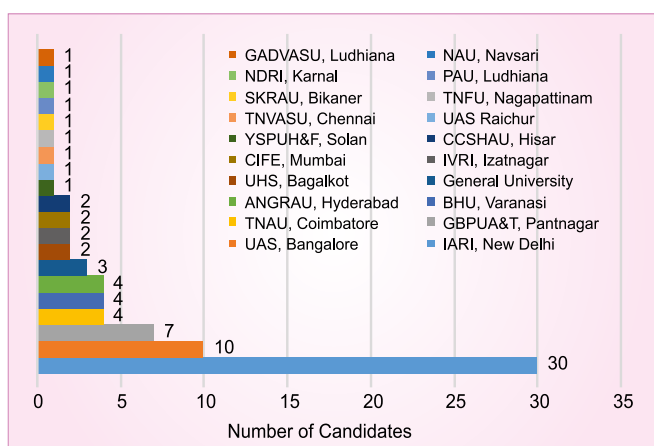


Recruitment details of Assistant Directors General, Directors, Joint Directors of National Institutes, Joint Directors of other than National Institutes, Project Coordinators, Heads of Divisions and Principal Scientists

equal while in the discipline of Agricultural Statistics & Informatics and Agricultural Structure and Environment Management number of qualifying candidates were less than the number of earmarked vacancies.

### Organization wise contribution in ARS

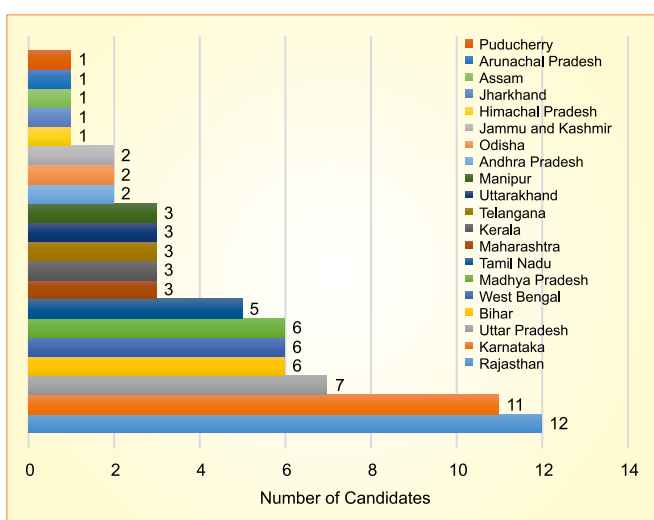
Data showed that out of 79 recommended candidates, 35 were from four Deemed to be Universities (IARI, New Delhi; CIFE, Mumbai; IVRI, Izatnagar; NDRI, Karnal), 37 from 14 State Agricultural Universities, 4 from BHU, Varanasi & 3 from General Universities.



Universities wise performance of candidates in ARS-2015

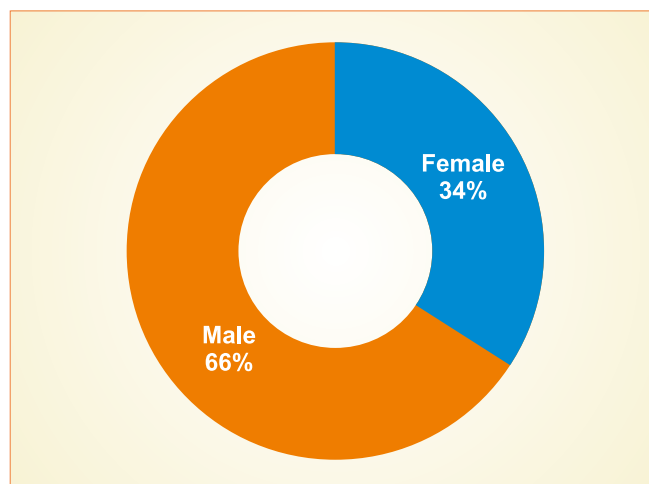
### State wise Distribution

Out of 79 successful candidates, 53 came from 7 states (Rajasthan, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu) and remaining 26 candidates from 13 other states.



State wise details of successful candidates in ARS-2015

Reflecting a positive trend in interest and participation of women candidates in agricultural science, out of 79 candidates 34% were women candidates.



Gender wise details of successful candidates in ARS-2015

### National Eligibility Test (NET) Examination-2016 (I)

NET 2016 (I) examination was conducted from 1-6 August, 2016 in online mode in 56 disciplines at 23 Centres across India. A total of 28,558 candidates had registered for the examination and 19,828 candidates actually appeared in the examination. A total of 3,803 (19%) candidates qualified the examination. Major discipline wise details of candidates registered, appeared and qualified in the examination are as follows:

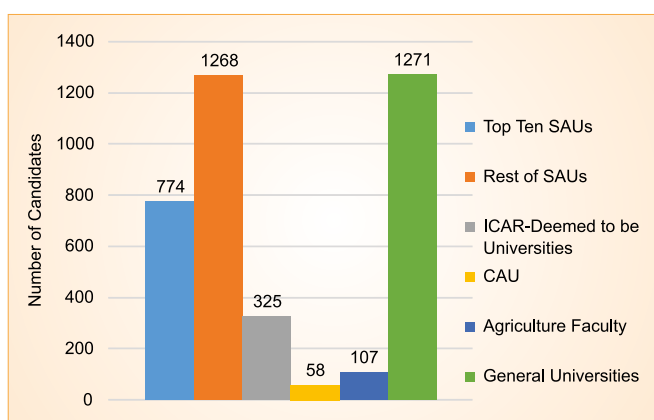
#### Major Discipline wise details of applicants

| Major Disciplines           | Candidates Registered | Candidates Appeared | Candidates Qualified | Qualified % |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Crop Science                | 12371                 | 8288                | 1369                 | 16.52       |
| Horticulture                | 2250                  | 1547                | 613                  | 39.63       |
| Animal Science              | 3174                  | 2347                | 654                  | 27.87       |
| Fisheries Science           | 782                   | 565                 | 68                   | 12.04       |
| Natural Resource Management | 4558                  | 3218                | 523                  | 16.25       |
| Social Science              | 2872                  | 2001                | 216                  | 10.79       |
| Agricultural Engineering    | 2551                  | 1862                | 360                  | 19.33       |
| Total                       | 28558                 | 19828               | 3803                 | 19.18       |

The lowest percentage of candidates qualified in the discipline of Genetics & Plant Breeding (0.20%) and the highest percentage of candidates qualified in the discipline of Animal Nutrition (81.07%) followed by Vegetable Science (59.32%), Seed Science & Technology (56.90%), Agricultural Microbiology (52.32%), Veterinary Parasitology (52.17%) and Farm Machinery and Power

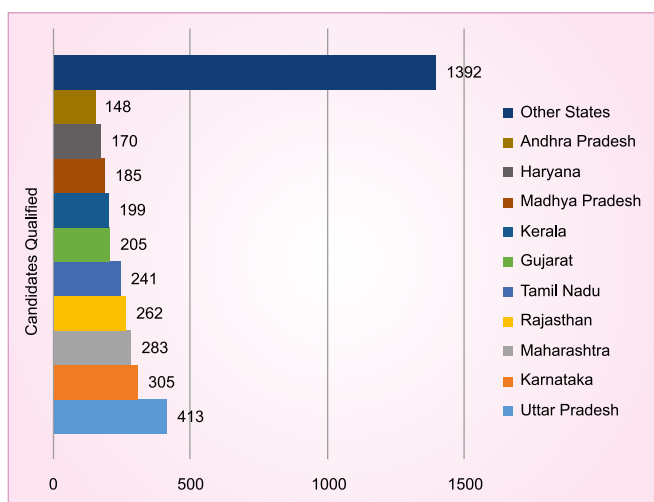
(50.0%). In eleven disciplines, the success rate was even less than 5 %.

- Analysis of the data showed that out of 3,803 qualified candidates, 325 (8.5%) were from Deemed to be Universities (IARI, New Delhi; IVRI, Izatnagar; NDRI, Karnal and CIFE, Mumbai), 774 (20.35%) from ten State Agricultural Universities (TNAU, Coimbatore; IGKV, Raipur; UAS, Bangalore; CCSHAU, Hisar; GBPUA&T, Pantnagar; OUA&T, Bhubaneswar; AAU, Anand; PAU, Ludhiana; Dr Yashwant Singh Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry, Solan and Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari), 1,268 (33.34%) from rest of SAUs and 58 (1.53%) from Central Agricultural Universities. 1,378 (36.23%) were from General Universities and Agriculture Faculties.



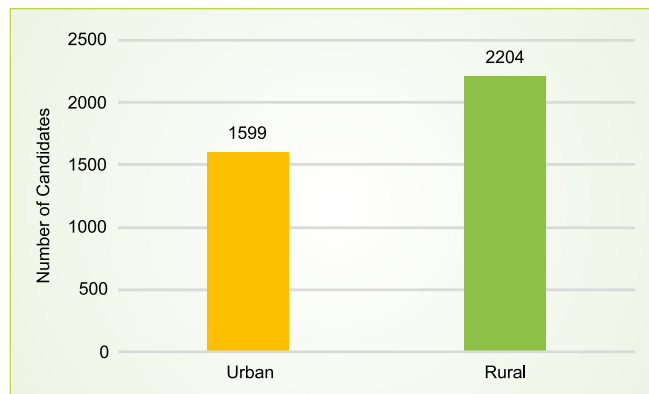
Organization wise performance in NET Examination 2016 (I)

- State-wise distribution showed that about 63% of successful candidates came from ten states (Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana and Andhra Pradesh). Only 10 candidates qualified from four states i.e. Sikkim, Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Goa.



State wise performance in NET Examination 2016 (I)

- Among 3,803 qualified candidates, 44% were female candidates and 58% were from rural areas.



Area wise details of successful candidates in NET Examination 2016 (I)

### Common Written Examination 2016 for Technical Assistant (T-3)

A common written Examination for filling up of positions of Technical Assistant (T3) was conducted on 17 July, 2016 at 27 centers across India. Out of 34,439 shortlisted candidates, 12,153 appeared in the examination. Evaluation process is under progress.

### Common Written Examination 2016 for Technician (T-1)

A Common Written Examination 2016 for Technician (T1) was conducted on 4 September, 2016 at 27 centres across India. Out of 80,020 shortlisted candidates, 43,834 appeared in the examination. Evaluation process is under progress.

### Career Advancement Scheme (CAS)

About 177 proposals in 51 disciplines have been received from different ICAR institutes for promotion/assessment from Senior Scientist to Principal Scientist under the revised Career Advancement Scheme (CAS).

Major discipline wise details are as follows:

| Major Disciplines           | Proposal received |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Crop Science                | 67                |
| Horticulture                | 11                |
| Animal Science              | 25                |
| Fisheries Science           | 04                |
| Natural Resource Management | 21                |
| Social Science              | 38                |
| Agricultural Engineering    | 11                |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>177</b>        |



## Important Committees/Meetings/Event

### Foundation Day Celebration

Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board, New Delhi organized its 43<sup>rd</sup> Foundation Day at ICAR-CSSRI, Karnal. Prof. Ramesh Chand, Hon'ble Member, NITI Aayog was the Chief Guest and delivered the Foundation Day lecture.

### Highlights of the Foundation Day

The program started with lighting of lamp by the Chief Guest Prof. Ramesh Chand, Hon'ble Member NITI Aayog and other dignitaries.

Prof. Ramesh Chand, inaugurated the event as Chief Guest and appreciated the glorious journey of ASRB for 42 years for which the credit must go to the people of repute



The Chief Guest Hon'ble Member NITI Aayog and other dignitaries on the Dais

The occasion was graced by former Chairmen and Members of ASRB, Dr T. Mohapatra, Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR, Shri C. Roul, Additional Secretary, DARE & Secretary, ICAR and other Senior ICAR officers and Vice Chancellors of State Agricultural Universities, Directors of ICAR Institutes, former Deputy Director Generals, Deans, members of scientific fraternity, and students.



Address by Prof. Ramesh Chand, Hon'ble Member NITI Aayog



Lighting of the ceremonial lamp by Prof. Ramesh Chand, Hon'ble Member NITI Aayog

who have guided ASRB in achieving its goals. He urged to address the emerging issues in the field of agricultural research and education. He urged the Board to look into the loop holes that can be plugged, so that it can actively contribute to national development in a changing scenario. He suggested some structural changes in the current recruitment and selection process to further strengthen the efficiency of ASRB. He said that a mechanism may be evolved to incentivize the scientists working out of their state and region.



Address by Secretary, DARE and DG, ICAR

Dr T. Mohapatra, Secretary, DARE and DG, ICAR complimented ASRB for its achievements and in bringing excellence to agricultural research system. Considering the recommendations of different committees to further improve the transparency and working efficiency of ASRB, he advocated that it is high time for joint deliberations among different stakeholders to identify the points of action for desirable reforms.

Shri Chhabilendra Roul, Additional Secretary, DARE appreciated ASRB for its contributions in the selection of quality human resources for agricultural research and development in the country. He suggested that ICAR and ASRB should fast track their efforts for the establishment of the Agricultural Council of India along the lines of Medical Council of India to ensure that students enrolled in different universities and colleges get state-of-the-art exposure to enhance their knowledge,

technological competence and human sensitivity for the sustainable development. He has also mentioned in his address that there is a need to revisit the definitions of terms such as 'Relevant Subjects' and 'Eminent Scientist' as given in ASRB advertisements from time to time to devise the explicit guidelines for removing the ambiguities.

Dr Gurbachan Singh, Chairman, ASRB, in his welcome address highlighted some of the significant achievements including the new initiatives of ASRB. He informed that ASRB has gradually moved away from the written examination to computer based test. He added that ASRB is striving to automate the screening of applications for RMP posts to eliminate the chances of human error. Attempts are also underway to completely digitize the entire procedure to expedite the process as well as to ensure transparency, he added.



Address by Additional Secretary, DARE and Secretary, ICAR



Address by Chairman, ASRB



Dr M. Mahadevappa, Former Chairman, ASRB shared his experiences at ASRB and acknowledged its worthy contributions in selecting quality human resources for assisting agricultural R&D in the country. Prof. R. B. Singh, Former Chairman, ASRB expressed happiness over the accomplishments by the ASRB. Dr J.S. Samra, Former CEO, NRAA lauded the valuable contribution of ASRB in selecting appropriate research professionals.



Address by Dr M. Mahadevappa, Former Chairman, ASRB

Dr. V.N. Sharda, Member ASRB proposed the formal vote of thanks.

As a part of the Foundation Day celebration a Brainstorming Session on “Talent Search and Retention in



Dr R.B. Singh, Former Chairman, ASRB addressing the gathering

Scientific, Technical and Administrative Cadres of ICAR was organized in the afternoon and on 4 November, 2016. Dr R.B. Singh, Dr M. Mahadevappa, former Chairmen of the Board; Dr M.L. Madan, Former DDG (Animal Science); Dr J.S. Samra, Former CEO, NRAA; Dr J.C. Katyal, former DDG (Edn); Dr Anupam Verma former Dean, IARI; Prof. M.S. Kang and Dr M.L. Jat (South Asia Coordinator) CIMMYT participated in this Brainstorming Session. Dr Gurbachan Singh, Chairman, ASRB presented various issues one by one and sought the opinion of members of the group on these issues.

Some recommendations of the group members are as follows.

- ♦ In order to maintain the absolute integrity, transparency and objectivity of the selection process, ASRB must have sufficient regular employees who can be hold accountable for any wrong doing. Increase in the number of regular staff has also become necessary due to increased workload as ASRB now also recruits the administrative and technical personnel.
- ♦ A level playing field may be ensured for giving equal opportunities of promotion in the Technical personnel appointed at T-1 and T-6 levels.
- ♦ The relaxation for the age limit for different Administrative and Technical posts may be increased considering the longer gestation time in obtaining the higher degrees.
- ♦ Considering the recent discrepancies that have come to the notice, it may be ensured that questions asked in technical services (T-1 and T-3 levels) examinations are relevant to the concerned functional group.
- ♦ For recruiting Administrative and Financial Officers, ASRB may start Campus Selection at reputed engineering and management institutions/universities of the country.



Technical Session is in progress

## ASRB Board Meetings

Five Meetings of the Board were held during the period on 7 & 29 July, 2016, 30 September, 2016, 28 November, 2016 and 7 December, 2016 to discuss important matters and issues pertaining to recruitment.

## Promotion of Official Language

### One Day Hindi Workshop

Town Official Language Implementation Committee (TOLIC North Delhi) organized a one day workshop on 30 August, 2016 in collaboration with National Institute of Science Communication and Information Resources (NISCAIR) for the officers and staff of its member offices.

Dr Gurbachan Singh, Chairman, TOLIC (North Delhi) and ASRB; Dr Manoj Kumar Pateria, Director, NISCAIR; Dr Dinesh Kumar Ashwal, Director, NPL and other senior officers of ASRB & NISCAIR were present in the inaugural function of workshop. About 81 participants from 36 member offices participated in the workshop. There were four lectures. According to the feedback received from participants, the workshop was very useful and the member officers requested for more such type of events to be organized regularly.

### Half yearly meeting of TOLIC (North Delhi)

Second meeting of year 2016-17 was held on 30 November, 2016 at NASC Complex. Mrs. Meenakshi Gaur welcomed the participants. 41 member offices



Half yearly meeting of TOLIC (North Delhi)

participated in the meeting. About 25 Directors/ Heads of offices/institutes were present in the meeting. Shri Pramod Sharma, Deputy Director, Official Language represented the Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs. Half yearly review reports of 38 offices were presented in the meeting and written suggestions were given to member offices for promotion of Official Language. An open session was organized for suggestions and during discussions various issues were finalized including constitution of one coordinating committee for the help of TOLIC (North Delhi).

On the basis of half yearly report of 2015-16, the prizes for performance of Hindi work i.e. first, second and third were distributed in two categories. Details of winner offices are as follows:

|                     | Large Offices   | Small Offices  |
|---------------------|---|--|
| <b>First Prize</b>  | National Institute of Science Communication and Information Resources | Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board                    |
| <b>Second Prize</b> | Delhi Milk Scheme   | National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Utilization Planning |
| <b>Third Prize</b>  | Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute                     | Defence Terrain Research Laboratory                          |



Secretary and Deputy Secretary, ASRB receiving first prize in Implementation of Official Language

After distribution of prizes, meeting was addressed by the Chairman, TOLIC (North Delhi). The Chairman in his address emphasised the obligation of Head of Organizations to attend the meeting in order to take collective decisions on the matters of Official Language. The meeting was also addressed by Shri Pramod Sharma, Deputy Director, Department of Official Language. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by Sh. Keshav Dev, Deputy Director (Official Language), IARI, New Delhi.



### Quarterly meetings of Official Language Implementation

During the period, two meetings of Official Language Implementation Committee of ASRB were held on 30 September, 2016 and 31 December, 2016. wherein various issues pertaining to Official Language Implementation were discussed and decisions were taken. Chairman suggested that ASRB website should be fully bilingual. During the second meeting, a committee was also constituted for the purchase of Hindi books.



Official Language Implementation Committee in progress

### Celebration of Hindi Saptah

ASRB has organized Hindi Saptah during 14 September, 2016. Prof. (Dr) Puran Chand, Delhi University, New Delhi was the Chief Guest at the Inaugural Ceremony. In his address, Prof. (Dr) Puran Chand mentioned anecdotes concerning Hindi language. During the week, five competitions in Letter Writing, Noting, Terminology, Extempore Speech and Poetry were organized. Winners were given cash prizes by the Chairman, ASRB. A valedictory function was also organized on 21 September, 2016. Dr Manoj Kumar Pateria, Director, National Institute of Science Communication and Information Resources (NISCAIR) was present as Chief Guest and former Assistant Director General Dr V.R. Chitranshi graced the occasion as Special Invitee. The Chief Guest and Special Invitee in formal addresses advised the officials to avoid complex sentences and to write simple words.



A Valedictory function of Hindi Saptah in progress

On both the occasions, Dr Gurbachan Singh, Chairman, ASRB advised to comply with all Rajbhasha Rules and Regulations. He suggested that as ASRB is the nodal office of the TOLIC (North Delhi), should set an ideal example and for this cooperation of all officers and staff is essential. He felt that these activities should not be limited to Hindi Saptah/Hindi Pakhwara only. In their addresses both the guests presented several examples for improvement of official language. Chairman, ASRB appreciated the progress of official language in ASRB. Cash prizes & certificates were distributed by the Chief Guest and Chairman to the winners of the various competitions held during the Hindi Saptah. The function ended with the formal vote of thanks.

### Swachata Abhiyan

Chairman, ASRB along with seniors officers visited sections of ASRB for undertaking cleanliness drive and for maintaining cleanliness regularly. He advised incharges of each section to go for surprise checks, so that cleanliness in office becomes reality.



### Constitution Day Celebration

As part of the 126<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Dr B.R. Ambedkar, the "Constitution Day" was celebrated on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2016.



## Honours/Awards/Recognitions

Indian Council of Food and Agriculture (ICFA) awarded Special Achievement Award to Dr Gurbachan Singh during 9<sup>th</sup> Global Agriculture Leadership Summit held at New Delhi on 8 September, 2016.



Chairman, ASRB, receiving Special Achievement Award from Honourable Governors of Haryana and Uttar Pradesh

## Scientific Discussions and Interactions with Stakeholders

### Chairman

#### National

- ◆ Review of T-3 Examination arrangements and online NET Examination Centre at NDRI, Karnal and Review of online NET Examination Centre at CIPHET, Ludhiana during 7-9 July, 2016.



- ◆ Participated in the meeting of the Governing Council of Mar Ivanios College, Thiruvananthapuram on 8 September, 2016.
- ◆ Attended the inaugural function of the “Rasshtriya Beej Vitran Kisan Mela evam Kisan Gosthi” as Chief Guest at Ajmer during 18-19 September, 2016.



Chairman, ASRB inaugurated Rasshtriya Beej Vitran Kisan mela evam Kisan Gosthi at Ajmer

- ◆ Visited the ICAR-Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture (CIBA), Chennai and Tamil Nadu Veterinary & Animal Sciences University (TNV&ASU), Chennai and held a interaction meeting with the scientists. Discussed regarding 4<sup>th</sup> International Agronomy Congress with Prof. M.S. Swaminathan during 4-5 October, 2016.
- ◆ Attended the one day Conference on Official Language & Prize distribution ceremony” at Agra on 6 October, 2016.



Participating in Prize distribution ceremony at Agra, Honourable Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Shri Kiran Rijiju and Secretary Raj Bhasha Shri Anup Kumar Srivastava distributing prizes and certificates to the winners.

- ◆ Delivered Keynote Address at the inaugural function of the “Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Green Revolution” organized by Dr Amrik Singh Cheema Foundation Trust, Chandigarh on 18 July, 2016.
- ◆ Visited online examination centre and discussed at SKUAST, Jammu and visited GNDU and KVK, Amritsar during 10-13 August, 2016.
- ◆ Visited KVK, Kaithal and attended 55<sup>th</sup> all India Wheat & Barley Research Worker’s Meet at CCSHAU, Hisar during 21-22 August, 2016.



Pre-Rabi Kisan Sammelan and Farmers' & Seed Day function at Karnal



- ♦ Attended the 23<sup>rd</sup> Foundation Day function of ICAR-Directorate of Rapeseed-Mustard Research (DRMR), Bharatpur as Chief Guest on 20 October, 2016.
- ♦ Participated in the inaugural function of the National Conference on Trends in Nano biotechnology (NCTN-2016) at Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University (CCSHAU), Hisar on 29 November, 2016.



Lighting of the ceremonial lamp by Chairman, ASRB

- ♦ Participated as Chief Guest in the Zonal workshop of Krishi Vigyan Kendras at CSK Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishvavidyalaya, Palampur during 12-13 December, 2016.



Addressing participants of National Conference at Palampur

- ♦ Participated as Chief Guest in the Valedictory function of Capacity Building Programme on “Scientific Interventions in Dairy Farming” on 29 December, 2016 at NDRI, Karnal.

## International

- ♦ As a member (India) working group on sustainable drainage, participated in the 67<sup>th</sup> IEC pre subgroup meetings of ICID organized at Chiang Mai, Thailand from 7-13, November, 2016.

## Member (S)

- ♦ Visited ICAR-IISWC, Dehradun and inspected on line examination center for NET-2016 (I) examination during 6-8 July, 2016
- ♦ Visited ICAR-CPRI, Shimla and inspected on line examination center for NET-2016 (I) examination during 4-6 August, 2016
- ♦ Inaugurated the Winter School at ICAR-CIAE, Bhopal and attended the session as Chief Guest on 30 November, 2016.



Address by Member, ASRB as Chief Guest

## Right to Information Act 2005

During the period, Board received 229 requests, mainly concerning various issues of recruitment and assessment of scientists. The Board has efficiently and satisfactorily responded to various requests and appeals under RTI Act within the stipulated time period as per the provisions of Right to Information Act.

Only three applicants filed second appeals with the CIC against the decisions of ASRB. These cases were also disposed of successfully to the satisfaction of all concerned and CIC upheld all the decisions taken by the Board.



## Personalia

### Joining

#### Prof (Dr) A.K. Srivastava joins as Member, ASRB

Prof (Dr) A.K. Srivastava has joined as Member, ASRB on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2017. Before assuming the office of Member, Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board, Prof. A.K. Srivastava was Director, National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal during 2008-2017. He has also served as Dean Faculty of Veterinary Science & Animal Husbandry, followed by Director Resident Instructions and Dean Postgraduate Studies at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology, Jammu (J&K) and Head, Department of Pharmacology & Toxicology, College of Veterinary Science, PAU, Ludhiana.



Prof (Dr) A.K. Srivastava welcomed by the Chairman Dr Gurbachan Singh and Member Dr V.N. Sharda in ASRB

He is recipient of several awards including International NOCIL Award, Alarsin Award, ICAR Jawaharlal Nehru Award and DAAD Fellowship. He has many research papers and authored a number of books in his name.

### Superannuation

Shri Jagat Narain, Skilled Supporting Staff retired on 30 September, 2016 on attaining superannuation.



Sh. Jagat Narain being honored on his superannuation by the Board

## Activities in Pipeline

- ◆ Combined NET Examination 2017 (I) and ARS (Preliminary) is scheduled to be held shortly in online mode in 56 disciplines at 23 centers across India.
- ◆ Limited Departmental Competitive Examination-2016 for filling up six posts of Assistants proposed to be held on 7-8 February, 2017.
- ◆ Limited Departmental Competitive Examination-2016 for filling up posts of Upper Divisional Clerks (UDC) at ICAR Hqrs. to be held on 21 February, 2017.
- ◆ Filling up positions of LDC at the ICAR head quarters and institutions and Stenographers grade III recruitment are being scheduled.

### New Separate Office Building of ASRB

The Governing Body Meeting of the ICAR Society at its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 has approved allotment of 2.05 Acres of land for construction of a separate office building for ASRB.

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