



From Chairman's desk

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It has always been the endeavour of the Board to identify and recommend the best talent as per needs and requirements of the ICAR. The long pending demand of scientific community for fine-tuning of the score card for direct recruitment has been implemented with effect from the advertisement being released from January, 2016 onwards (Advt. 1/2016). The revised score card addresses and provides a level playing field and weight age for both the field-oriented and lab-oriented scientists at the screening stage.



During this period, the Board has completed recruitment process for 51 positions in the scientific cadre based on lateral entry. Only four positions could not be filled up due to non-availability of suitably qualified and experienced applicants. About 150 proposals for placement as Principal Scientist under the Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) are under process.

The result of NET 2015 Exam has been declared and certificates of 4148 successful applicants have been issued. The NET Examination 2016 (I) is scheduled to be held from 1st to August 6th, 2016 at 23 centres across India in on-line mode.

Continuing in our efforts to tap the best talent as per the needs and requirements of the Council, the Board has taken up the additional responsibility of conducting a Common Written Examination for filling up vacancies of Technical Assistant (T-3) and Technician (T-1) at the various ICAR institutes. The other examinations scheduled in the near future are for filling up positions of LDCs at the ICAR headquarters and institutes and Stenographer Grade-III.

The Board had declared the results of 45 class I positions of Administrative and Finance & Accounts Officers. The results of the Assistant Examination for filling up 309 positions has also been forwarded to the ICAR headquarters. About 45% of the candidates selected for the position were possessing degrees in Engineering.

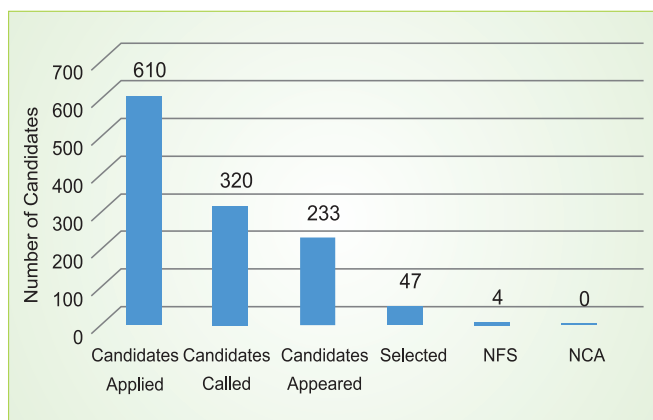
There is always scope for betterment and I look forward to have your feed-back for improving our efforts.

(Gurbachan Singh)
Chairman

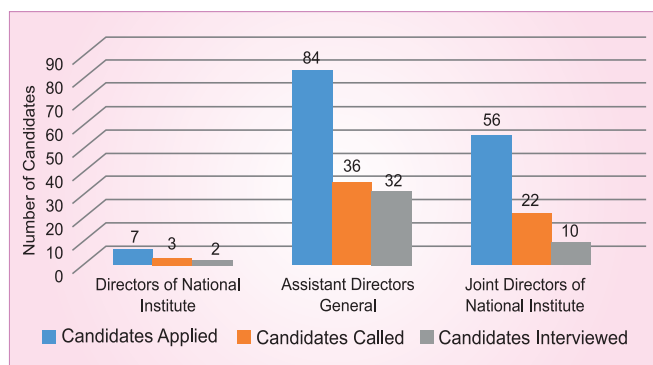
Recent Achievements

Direct Recruitment/Lateral entry

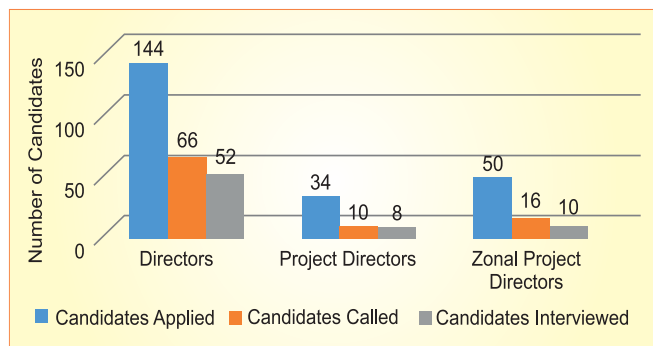
The Board completed the recruitment process for fifty one posts during the period. Of these, 18 posts were Research Management Positions (Directors of National Institutes, Assistant Directors General, Project Directors, Joint Directors of National Institutes), 33 posts were for Head of Divisions, Project Coordinators and Principal Scientists. The Board recommended in 47 cases while only four posts could not be filled due to non-availability of suitable candidates.



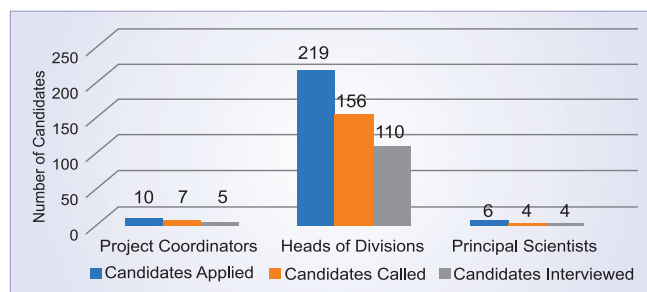
Details of Direct Recruitment posts



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



Recruitment details of Directors, Project Directors and Zonal Project Directors

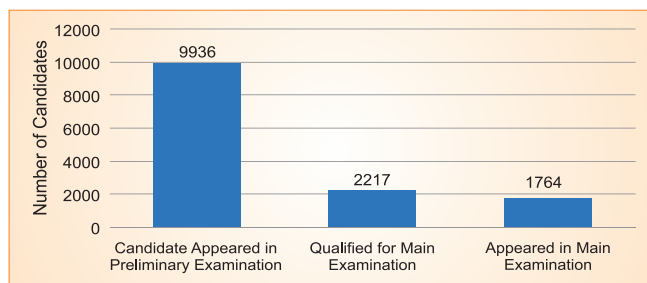


Recruitment details of Project Coordinators, Heads of Divisions and Principal Scientists

Recruitment through Competitive Examinations

Agricultural Research Service Examination-2015

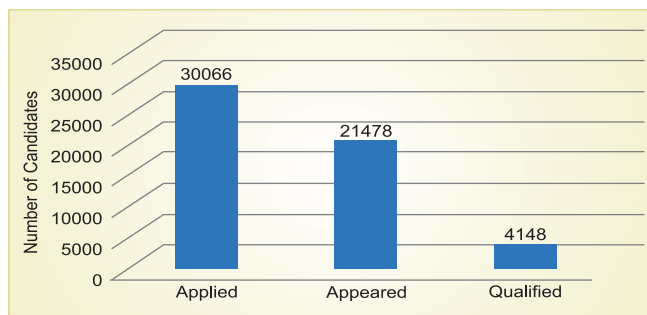
Combined examination for NET and ARS (Prelims) 2015 was conducted in online mode at 22 centres across India except Chennai centre. The examination at Chennai centre could not be held due to unforeseen rains and floods in and around Chennai. It was subsequently held during January 6-12, 2016. Out of 9,936 appeared candidates in Preliminary Examination 2,217(22%) candidates qualified for Main Examination. ARS Main Examination was conducted on May 8, 2016 at 12 Centres. Out of 2,217 candidates 1,764 (80%) were appeared for 97 vacancies in 30 disciplines. Evaluation process of Main examination is under progress.



Details of ARS Examination

NET Examination 2015

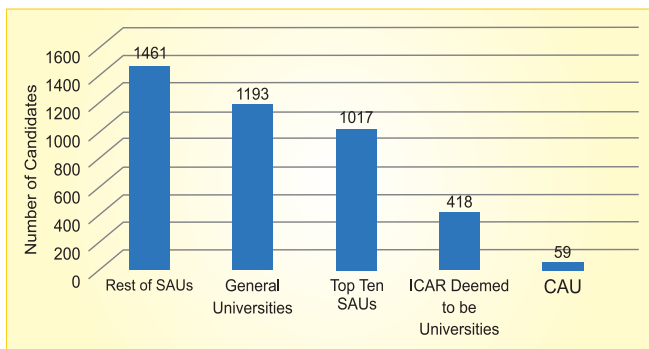
A total of 30,066 candidates had registered for the NET Examination 2015 and 21,478 candidates appeared in the examination. A total of 4,148 candidates (19%) qualified the examination.



Details of NET Examinations held in 2015

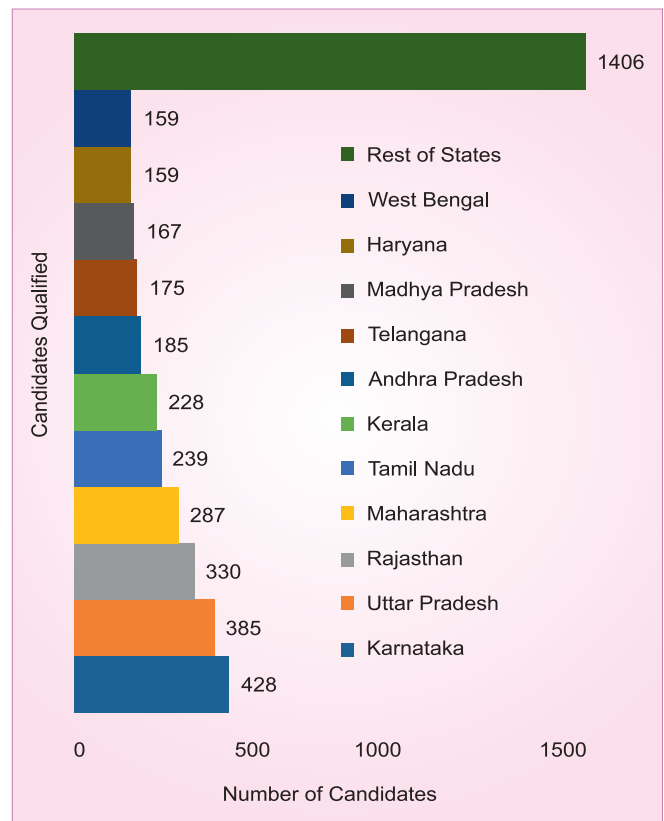
The lowest percentage of candidates was qualified in the discipline of Home Science (1.36%) and highest percentage of candidates was qualified in the discipline of Floriculture & Landscaping (65.90%) followed by Veterinary Anatomy (61.02%), Animal Reproduction & Gynaecology (52.17%), Seed Science & Technology (47.19%), Livestock Product Technology (44.32%) and Fish Nutrition (42.11%). In 10 disciplines, the success rate was less than 10%.

- Analysis of the data showed that out of 4,148 qualified candidates, 1193 (28.76%) were from General Universities / International Universities with Agriculture Faculties, 1017 (24.52%) from ten State Agricultural Universities (T.N.A.U., Coimbatore; U.A.S., Bangalore; G.B.P.U.A.&T., Pantnagar; A.N.G.R.A.U., Hyderabad; U.A.S., Dharwad; P.A.U., Ludhiana; C.C.S.H.A.U., Hisar; B.C.K.V., Nadia; Dr Yashwant Singh Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry, Solan and U.H.S., Bagalkot), 418 (10.08%) from Deemed to be Universities (I.A.R.I., New Delhi; I.V.R.I., Izatnagar; N.D.R.I., Karnal and C.I.F.E., Mumbai), 1461 (35.22%) from rest of SAUs and 59 (1.42%) from Central Agricultural Universities.



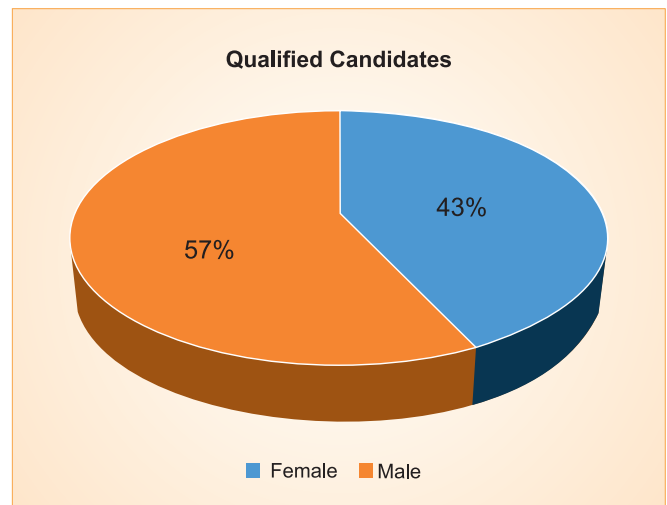
Organization wise performance in NET Examination 2015

- State-wise distribution remained skewed. 66% of successful candidates came from 11 states (Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana and West Bengal). States like Chhattisgarh, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Goa, and Daman and Diu, had very little representation in the list of successful candidates.



State wise details of successful candidates in NET Examination 2015

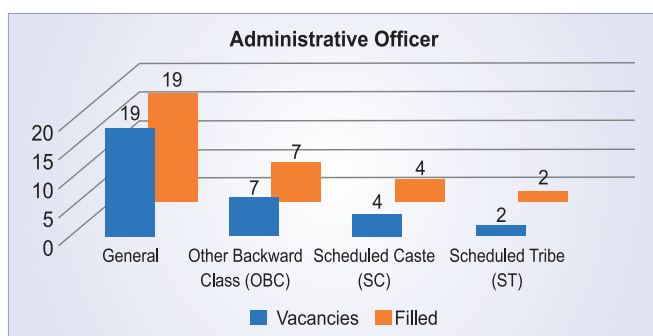
- Among the 4,148 qualified candidates, 43% were female candidates.



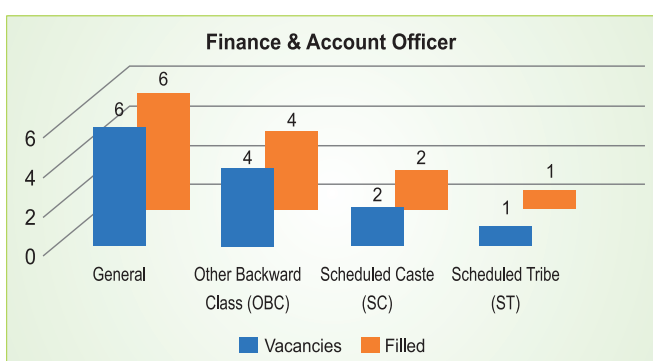
Gender wise details of successful candidates in NET Examination 2015

Recruitment of Administrative Officers and Finance & Accounts Officers

Based on performance of candidates in the written examination and Structured Interview/Personality Test held in February, 2016, 32 candidates have been recommended for appointment to the post of Administrative Officer and 13 for Finance and Account Officer. Details are as follows:



Total filled 32



Total filled 13*

* Including one post for PH (OH)

Recruitment of Assistants

An all India online open competitive examination for recruitment of 309 Assistants (DR) was conducted from January 5 to February 2, 2015. Out of 6,255 appeared candidates in the main examination which was held across 12 centres in India on October 18, 2015.

- ◆ The analysis further revealed that all the advertised vacancies were duly filled under various categories of candidates with maximum candidates under General Category (172 including 5 Divyang candidates), followed by Other Backward Class (72 including 3 Divyang candidates), Scheduled Caste (40) and Scheduled Tribe (25).
- ◆ This year, out of 309 selected candidates, 26.5% were females.
- ◆ The analysis of educational background of selected 309 candidates revealed that 129 candidates have B. Tech or BE degree. The complete analysis is given below.

Highest Education Qualification	Applied for Preliminary Examination	Qualified for Main Examination	Appeared in Main Examination	Selected
B.A	13670	1055	849	42
B.Com	6189	506	407	11
B.Sc	11150	1337	1030	48
B.Tech/BE	15585	2928	2074	129
Other (Graduate)	4172	439	338	8
M.Sc.	7610	760	578	26
M.A	3920	345	272	12
M.B.A.	2924	294	216	12
M.C.A.	1260	147	124	2
M.Com	1230	109	86	4
M.Tech/ME	1349	223	164	10
Other (Post Graduate)	1586	159	117	5
Total	70645	8302	6255	309

Common Written Examination 2016 for Technical Assistant (T3)

A common written examination for filling up of positions of Technical Assistant (T3) was held on July 17, 2016 at 27 centers (Bangalore, Bareilly, Bhopal, Calicut, Coimbatore, Cuttack, Dehradun, Delhi, Gangtok, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Jhansi, Jodhpur, Karnal, Kasaragod, Kochi, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai, Nagpur, Patna, Port Blair, Ranchi, Rajahmundry, Shimla, Thiruvananthapuram and Varanasi) across India.

Career Advancement Scheme (CAS)

About 150 proposals have been received from different ICAR institutes for the promotion/assessment from Senior Scientist to the grade of Principal Scientist under the revised Career Advancement Scheme (CAS).

Honours/Awards/Recognitions

N.D.R.I., Karnal awarded Dr K.K. Iya Memorial Oration Award for the year 2016 to Dr Gurbachan Singh on February 29th, 2016.



Chairman, ASRB delivering Dr K.K. Iya Memorial lecture at NDRI, Karnal

Important Committees/Meetings/Event

ASRB Board Meetings

Three Meetings of the Board were held during the period on February 22nd, 2016, May 05th, 2016 and June 16th, 2016 to discuss various important matters and issues pertaining to recruitment.

Second Meeting of the Town Official Language Implementation Committee (North Delhi)

Second meeting of TOLIC (North Delhi) was held under the chairmanship of Dr Gurbachan Singh, Chairman, ASRB. Heads/Representatives of 39 member offices attended the meeting. Shri Harinder Kumar, Director, Dept. of Official Language, Govt. of India has represented DOL, Govt. of India in the meeting. Shri Jagdeep Saxena, Editor Hindi, DKMA welcomed the guests. Member Secretary of the committee presented reviews on the half yearly reports submitted by the member offices in a comparative mode through power point presentation. Various agenda items were discussed in the meeting. Decision was taken to conduct Hindi competitions for the staff members of member offices in a coordinated mode. Director, Dept. of Official Language informed the members about the initiatives being taken by the Dept. for improving functions of TOLICs. Chairman, TOLIC (North Delhi) assured member offices of all possible help in Hindi implementation work through Member Secretary of the committee.



Second meeting of TOLIC (North Delhi)

Official Language Inspection of TOLIC (North Delhi) member offices

The Drafting & Evidence Sub-Committee of the Committee of Parliament on Official Language had conducted an inspection of 9 member offices of TOLIC



Official Language Implementation Inspection of TOLIC (North Delhi)

(North Delhi) along with its Chairman's office, Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board. The inspection meeting was held at Hotel Ashoka, New Delhi on June 1st, 2016. The Heads of all the member offices and Chairman, TOLIC (North Delhi) Dr Gurbachan Singh along with the Member Secretary of TOLIC (North Delhi) Shri P.R. Rao, Deputy Director (OL), ASRB were present in the meeting. The meeting was chaired by Dr Satyanarayana Jatia, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) and Deputy Chairman of the Committee, Dr Prasanna Kumar Patsani, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Shri Hukmdev Narayan Yadav, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) and Dr Satyavrata Chaturvedi, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) along with the officials of the Committee Secretariat were present in the inspection meeting. Duly filled questionnaires were submitted to the committee and after scrutiny of the questionnaires, the Deputy Chairman and other Hon'ble members of the committee, issued certain guidelines

for effective functioning of the TOLIC (North Delhi). The inspection was conducted in a cordial atmosphere and the honourable members of the Committee were satisfied with the efforts being made by the TOLIC (North Delhi).



Presidential Orders being presented to Dr Gurbachan Singh, Chairman, ASRB by Chairman and Members of the Parliament Committee on Official Language

Important Scientific Discussions and Interactions with Stakeholders

Chairman, ASRB

- ◆ Presided over the inaugural function of the Annual Convention of Indian Society of Veterinary Pharmacology & Toxicology (ISVPT) at N.D.R.I., Karnal on January 14th, 2016.



Inaugural function of ISVPT at N.D.R.I., Karnal

- ◆ Visited G.A.D.V.A.S.U., Ludhiana and interacted with the faculty Members and Visited KVK, Patiala on January 15th, 2016.
- ◆ Participated as Guest of Honour in the inauguration function of the XVI Biennial Animal Nutrition Conference on “Innovative approaches for animal feeding & nutritional research” at N.D.R.I., Karnal on February 6th, 2016.



Chairman, ASRB delivering inaugural address at N.D.R.I., Karnal

- ◆ Participated and attended as Guest of Honour in the valedictory function of the “44th Dairy Industry Conference” at N.D.R.I., Karnal and visited C.S.S.R.I. & I.I.W.B.R., Karnal and interacted with the scientists and staff during February 19th-20th, 2016.
- ◆ Participated in the meeting of the Governing Council of Mar Ivanios College, Thiruvananthapuram on Feb 24th, 2016.
- ◆ Participated in the 53rd Annual Meet of Alumni Association, College of Agriculture, P.A.U., Ludhiana and interaction with national and international experts of agriculture and allied sciences and visited & discussed regarding online examination centre at C.I.P.H.E.T., Ludhiana on February 27th, 2016.
- ◆ Delivered Dr Iya Memorial Oration 2016 at N.D.R.I., Karnal on February 29th, 2016.
- ◆ Presided over the Rakhra Kisan Mela cum farmers training camp at Rakhra (Patiala) on March 12th, 2016.



Distributing certificates to farmers during farmers training camp at Rakhra (Patiala)

- ◆ Chief Guest at the ‘Fodder technology and machinery demonstration meet’ at ICAR-Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute (I.G.F.R.I.), Jhansi and visited ICAR-I.G.F.R.I. and ICAR-Central Agroforestry Research Institute, Jhansi and interacted with scientists on March 18th, 2016.



Chairman, ASRB inaugurated "Fodder technology and machinery demonstration meet" at IGFRI, Jhansi

- ◆ Chief Guest at the Foundation Day function of ICAR-Central Coastal Agricultural Research Institute (C.C.A.R.I.), Goa on April 1st, 2016.



Distributing quality seeds to farmers at Goa

- ◆ Chaired the Brain Storming session on "Agroforestry for Rehabilitation of Water-Congested Ecologies for the Eastern States" at ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna on April 5th, 2016.



Chairing the Brainstorming session at Patna

- ◆ Chief Guest at the Foundation Day function of ICAR - Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture

(C.R.I.D.A.), Hyderabad and addressed the scientists and future scientists (RAs and SRFs) and inaugurated as Chief Guest the Hyderabad Chapter of Indian Society of Agronomy on April 12th, 2016.

- ◆ Chief Guest at the closing function of "ICAR Inter-Institutional Staff Sports Tournament – North Zone" at ICAR-National Dairy Research Institute (N.D.R.I.), Karnal on April 18th, 2016.



Addressing participants of the ICAR Institutional Staff Sports Tournament North Zone at NDRI, Karnal

- ◆ Chief Guest at the 28th Foundation Day function of ICAR-Directorate of Weed Research (D.W.R.), Jabalpur on April 22nd, 2016.
- ◆ Chief Guest at the inaugural session of the Annual Review and Planning Workshop of ICAR-IRRI Collaborative Project "Stress Tolerant Rice for Africa and South Asia (STRASA)" in Bhubaneswar on April 27th, 2016.



As Chief Guest at the inaugural session of the Annual Review and Planning Workshop at Bhubaneswar

- ◆ Chief Guest at the inaugural function of the Foundation Day of Vasantrao Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidhyapeeth (V.N.M.K.V.), Parbhani on May 18th, 2016.

Member, ASRB

- ◆ Participated and Chaired the Session-4 of 44th Dairy Industry Conference at N.D.R.I., Karnal during February 17th -19th, 2016.
- ◆ Delivered Foundation Day lecture as Chief Guest at C.A.F.R.I. and visited I.G.F.R.I. and I.I.S.W.C. Research Centre, Datia during May 6th-9th, 2016.



Dr V.N. Sharda, Member, ASRB delivered foundation day lecture



Dr V.N. Sharda, Member, ASRB interacting with the scientists

Activities in Pipeline

- ◆ NET Examination 2016 (I) is scheduled to be held from August 1st-6th, 2016 in online mode in 56 disciplines at 23 centres across India.
- ◆ Common Written Examination 2016 for Technician (T1) is scheduled to be held on September 4th, 2016 at 27 centres (Bangalore, Bareilly, Coimbatore, Cuttack, Delhi, Dehradun, Goa, Hyderabad, Indore, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Junagadh, Kanpur, Karnal, Kasaragod, Kochi, Kolkata, Kozhikode, Medziphema, Mumbai, Nagpur, Patna, Port Blair, Ranchi, Rajahmundry, Shimla and Varanasi) across India.

- ◆ Foundation Day of ASRB will be celebrated in November, 2016.
- ◆ NET Examination – 2016 (II) & ARS (Preliminary) Examination-2016 is proposed to be held in November/December, 2016.

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Joining

- ◆ Sh. Ravi Dobariyal, Section Officer joined ASRB on transfer from ICAR, H.Q. w.e.f. January 29th, 2016.
- ◆ Sh. Ajay Gautam, Under Secretary joined ASRB on transfer from ICAR, H.Q. w.e.f. Feb. 26th, 2016.
- ◆ Sh. Rajesh Kumar Saroya, Assistant, joined ASRB on transfer from ICAR, H.Q. w.e.f. April, 2016.
- ◆ Sh. S.S. Dogra, UDC, joined ASRB on transfer from ICAR, H.Q. w.e.f. May 20th, 2016.
- ◆ Sh. Narender Kumar, UDC, joined ASRB on transfer from ICAR, H.Q. w.e.f. May 25th, 2016
- ◆ Sh. Dheeraj Singh, UDC, joined ASRB on transfer from ICAR, H.Q. w.e.f. June 1st, 2016
- ◆ Sh. Mahadev Pal, UDC, joined ASRB on transfer from ICAR, H.Q. w.e.f. June 16th, 2016

Transfer

- ◆ Sh. N.K. Sharma, Under Secretary transferred on Deputation from ASRB to National Highway Authority of India (NHAI), Delhi on January 1st, 2016
- ◆ Sh. Krishan Gopal, Assistant transferred from ASRB to ICAR H.Q. on April 8th, 2016.

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