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To

All Nodal Officers, SAUs under NAHEP component II

Subject: Sub: Investments in Indian Council of Agricultural Research Leadership in Agricultural Higher Education, NAHEP Component II: Strengthening online examination system

Dear Sir,

The importance of online examination have been growing since recent years. To overcome significant drawbacks of the offline examination process, majority of entrance exams are now conducted through online mode. Online examinations have number of advantages as compared to its counterpart. This mode of conduct of examination makes it easier, less expensive and time saving for the university (exam conducting organization) and the students (appearing for exam) to go through the complete process. Moreover, in this difficult time where safety from COVID-19 is of the uttermost importance for everybody, conducting exams online becomes inevitable even for the semester exams.

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL HIGHER EDUCATION PROJECT (NAHEP) has been formulated by ICAR for five years starting from 2017-18. The objective of the NAHEP for India is to support participating agricultural universities all around the country and ICAR in providing more relevant and superior quality of education to the students of agricultural university. Understanding the need of online examination and strengthening its process of conduct is one of the objective under component II, NAHEP. The target is to recommend an easier and more convenient mode of evaluation for the students and the teachers in National Agricultural Research System.

For strengthening the online examination system your valuable feedback and views are required. Two online questionnaires have been designed for this purpose. The first questionnaire needs to be filled by the controller of examination and the key persons from the examination cell in the university. The second questionnaire has to be filled by the second year batch of students who had faced online examination. For this purpose, please circulate the questionnaires link to the students of your university. The last date for receiving the feedback is 31 August, 2020.

(i) Controller questionnaire:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/19mYnIFyfRTOiEXZ4ljo035wBfXqTEO7QzGZw7zzUDpE/edit>

(ii) Student questionnaire:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1UNb9rC4xmSJ1UAzYHdZKx5YWGObZg5rycVFL5Vkficg/edit?urp=gmail_link

Your observation and experience based inputs will be a great contribution for fulfilling the desired expectations of a robust online examination system. We value and appreciate your time and efforts. Any doubts or questions related to the questionnaire may be sent to the emails: support.nahep@icar.gov.in; Rajni.jain@icar.gov.in; Sudeep.marwaha@icar.gov.in;

Thanks and Regards

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