

ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Mumbai

Report on Visit of Shri Abhishek Singh, IAS, Secretary, ASRB, New Delhi

Shri Abhishek Singh IAS, Secretary, Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board, New Delhi visited ICAR-CIFE on July 19, 2019. A meeting was organised with scientific staff and students. Dr. Gopal Krishna, Director ICAR-CIFE welcomed Shri Abhishek Singh and presented a detailed overview of the academic, extension and research activities of ICAR-CIFE. Secretary, ASRB, while addressing the faculty and staff, expressed his desire to incentivise innovative research during the recruitment process.

Following deliberations were made in the meeting:

- It was informed that ASRB is going to conduct all the examinations through National Testing Agency (NTA) which conducts all professional level examinations across the country. This will ensure smooth processing and transparency in the system
- He discussed about making all recruitment process online including payments for various examinations and coming out with a schedule of calendar for all activities. He emphasized on the use of social media for getting feedback and suggestions and also ASRB has started using social media and twitter handles
- He also added that expression of interest will be advertised for empanelling experts for setting question papers/interviews

Various relevant points were raised during the discussion with students and faculty:

- It was suggested that ARS examinations must be conducted every year on regular basis and vacancies shall be advertised across all the disciplines
- Interviews at ASRB should be video recorded to avoid any kind of discrepancies
- A specific criteria should be followed to identify the experts for setting question papers and there should be a balance among experts in terms of knowledge of subject, experience of work and updated information
- NAAS journals list should be updated and citation index as an important indicator for evaluating research must be revisited periodically

The meeting was concluded with a formal vote of thanks after which Secretary ASRB visited the labs and facilities at ICAR-CIFE.



