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To,

The Director


All ICAR Institutes/ NRCs/ PDs


Subject: Open Access Policy of ICAR – regarding

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed the Open Access policy of ICAR for necessary information and perusal. You are also requested to circulate the policy within your institute for intimation to all concerned scientists and officers of your institute.

Yours Sincerely


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(Rameshwar Singh)


Enclosures (As Above)

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Implementation

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End Note

OA initiative is not a single event. It is a process and expects full compliance over a period of three years. Therefore, the proposed modest policy is a first step in the journey towards formal declaration of openness and then after reviews progress, compliance and impact periodically.