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PUBLIC NOTICE

16 August 2026

Subject: Display of Provisional Answer Keys and Question Papers with Recorded Responses for Inviting Challenges for ICAR AIEEA (PG) & AICE-JRF/SRF (Ph.D.)-2026-reg.

The National Testing Agency (NTA) conducted the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Entrance Examinations for All India Entrance Examination for Admission [AIEEA]-PG & All India Competitive Examinations (AICE)- JRF/SRF(Ph.D.)-2026 on **04 July 2026** in about **162** examination centers located in **115** Cities across the Country for about **42,110** candidates (*30619 for AIEEA (PG) and 11491 for AICE JRF/SRF (Ph.D.)*) in the **Computer Based Test (CBT)** mode.

The National Testing Agency has uploaded the Provisional Answer Keys along with the Question Papers with Recorded Responses on the website <https://exams.nta.nic.in/icar/> for inviting challenges (if any) to the Provisional Answer Key of any question through online mode only.

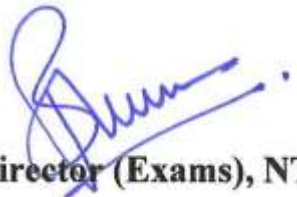
Candidates, who are not satisfied with the Answer Key, may challenge the same by paying a fee of **₹200/- (Rupees Two Hundred only)** per question challenged as a non-refundable processing fee. The details of Answer Key Challenge are given below:

Examination	Duration of Answer Key Challenge	Last Date for Payment
ICAR AIEEA (PG) & AICE-JRF/SRF(Ph.D.)	16 August 2026 to 18 August 2026 (up to 11:59 PM)	18 August 2026 (up to 11:59 PM)

The processing fee may be paid using Debit/Credit Card/Net Banking. No challenge will be entertained without receipt of the processing fee. **The fee towards the challenge will not be accepted through any other mode.**

Challenges made by the candidates will be verified by a panel of Subject Experts. If the challenge of any candidate is found correct, the Answer Key will be revised and applied in the response of all the candidates accordingly. Based on the Final Answer Key, the result will be prepared and declared. No individual candidate will be informed about the acceptance/non-acceptance of his/her challenge. The Key finalized by the Experts after the challenge will be final. **No challenge will be accepted after 18 August 2026 (11:59 PM)**

For further clarification, candidates can contact 011-40759000 or email at icar@nta.ac.in. The candidates are advised to regularly visit NTA website www.nta.ac.in and <https://exams.nta.nic.in/icar/> for the latest updates about the exam.


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Annexure 1

Procedure for Challenge of Provisional Answer Key(s)

1. Please go to the website <https://exams.nta.nic.in/icar/>.
2. Click 'Challenge (s) regarding Answer Key'.
3. Login with your Application Number and Password and enter the captcha as displayed and submit.
4. Click on "View Question Paper" for marked/recorded responses and to view or challenge the Answer keys, click on the link "Click to view/Challenge Answer Key".
5. The Question IDs in the Answer Key list are not presented in sequential order. Candidates are advised to refer to the Question Paper and match the corresponding Question IDs to those listed in the Answer Key.
6. The ID next to the question under the column 'Correct Option(s)' stands for the correct Answer Key to the question.
7. If you wish to challenge this option, you may use any one or more of the Option IDs given in the next four columns by clicking the check box.
8. You may upload supporting documents in which you can select 'Choose File' and upload (all documents to be put in a single pdf file).
9. After clicking your desired option, scroll down, 'Submit and review Claims' and move to the next screen.
10. You will see a display of all the Option IDs you have challenged.
11. Click on 'Modify your Claims' in case you wish to modify the claims OR 'Final Submit'.
12. After saving the claims, you will find a screen displaying your Challenges.
13. Kindly pay the fee by clicking on 'Pay Now'. The claims will be saved finally after successful payment of requisite fee.
14. Select mode of payment and pay your fee @ ₹ 200/- for each question challenged. Make payment through Debit/Credit Card/Net Banking.
15. In case of any difficulty, please contact on 011-40759000 or write e-mail to icar@nta.ac.in.



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