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F.No. 4(1)/2023-ICT (eFile: 234660)

Dated the 11th February, 2026

To

The Directors,
All ICAR Institutes / Bureaux / NRCs / Deemed Universities

Sub: Compliance Report on Implementation of GIGW 3.0 Guidelines for Hosting of Websites / Digital Applications

Sir / Madam,

Reference is invited to the Council's letter of even number dated 11th March, 2025 (*copy enclosed*), wherein it was conveyed that all websites and digital applications developed by DARE and its subordinate offices, including ICAR Institutes, are required to strictly comply with the Guidelines for Indian Government Websites (GIGW) 3.0, along with prescribed Accessibility Guidelines to ensure inclusivity for persons with disabilities.

It was further communicated that the concerned owners of all such websites / digital applications are required to obtain a GIGW 3.0 compliance certificate from STQC or any other authorized agency. Non-compliant websites / digital applications shall be liable to be restricted from public access and usage.

The matter was deliberated in the 7th ICAR-ICT Steering Committee Meeting held on 17th December 2025, under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR. The Committee decided that all concerned owners of websites / digital applications shall submit the compliance report to the ICT Unit, ICAR Hqrs. It was also decided that in the event any website / digital application hosted for public access by an Institute is found to be non-compliant with GIGW 3.0 guidelines and is reported to the Council, the Director of the concerned Institute shall be held responsible.

In view of the above, all Directors are requested to ensure immediate compliance and arrange for submission of the requisite compliance report to the ICT Unit, ICAR Hqrs., at the earliest.

Yours sincerely,


(Anil Rai)

Copy to:

1. The Deputy Director Generals, ICAR Hqrs.
2. The Project Director, DKMA, KAB-I, Pusa, New Delhi, for publishing on ICAR website.
3. Deputy Secretary, DARE, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi, for information.
4. PPS to Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR.



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Subject: Compliance with GIGW 3.0 and Accessibility Guidelines for Digital Platforms - reg.

Sir / Madam,

The GIGW 3.0 and Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) guidelines issued by Gol have already been endorsed in ICAR for compliance. Recently, the Court of the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) has taken suo-motu cognizance of the inaccessibility of websites, mobile applications, and other digital platforms across the country as per above guidelines. Non-compliance with these guidelines, the Digital Applications developed by many organizations have been restricted from public access / usage and penalty were also imposed on some of these organizations.

In this regard, Websites and digital applications developed by DARE and all its subordinate offices (including ICAR institutes) are required to comply with GIGW 3.0 guidelines along with Accessibility guidelines ensuring inclusivity for persons with disabilities. All concerned owners of Digital Applications / Websites must obtain a compliance certificate from STQC or any other authorized agency. Website / digital applications, violating these guidelines will be restricted from public access and usage.

The above issue has been discussed in detail in the ICAR - ICT Steering Committee held on 18th February 2025 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DARE and DG, ICAR and as decided a final directive is being issued to all ICAR institutes, mandating compliance with these guidelines **within six months**. Failure to obtain the required STQC certification (or certification from any other authorized agency) within the stipulated period may lead to the **deactivation of such non-compliant websites and digital platforms** from ICAR-DC and other hosting services until compliance is achieved.

You are therefore requested to take immediate action in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

(Anil Rai)

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