National Facility proposes to conduct National Level Workshop and Motivational Certificate Course for developing competence in systematics and taxonomy (conventional and molecular) of fungi and their applications among new generation of students and researchers across the country. This would help in developing expertise to utilize indigenous mycological heritage on sustained basis. In addition, awareness to conserve and document fungal genetic resources, and various rules and regulations being implemented by national agencies under the aegis of Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) would be created among selected 20 young and budding researchers from academia, research institutions and industries. Schedule, fee structure and other details are as follows:

I. National Level Workshop – Duration: 10 days (1–10 June 2016)
   Workshop fee:
   Rs 12,500 + service tax @14.5% (participants from academia and research institutions)
   Rs 16,500 + service tax @14.5% (participants from Industry)
   Who can apply: College/University Teachers, Post Doc Researchers, Ph.D. students
   Note: Workshop fee include food and workshop kit only. Due to limited availability, accommodation will be arranged on request of the selected candidates. The approximate charges for accommodation would be Rs 750 + service tax @15% per head and per day (twin sharing basis).

II. National Level Certificate Course – Duration: 30 days (1–30 June 2016)
   Course fee: Rs 25,000 + service Tax @14.5%
   Who can apply: Graduates/Postgraduates in Science/Life Sciences
   Note: Course fee include laboratory expenses and course materials only. Due to limited availability, accommodation will be arranged on request of the selected outstation candidates. The approximate charges for accommodation would be Rs 750 + service tax @15% per head and per day (twin sharing basis).

Important dates
   Receipt of duly filled-in application form : 25 April 2016
   Intimation to selected candidates : 30 April 2016
   Receipt of fee from selected candidates : 10 May 2016

Application form and other information can be downloaded from ARI website: www.aripune.org

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- Nanoscience and technology
- Soft matter
- Device fabrication, Solar cells
- Synthesis and characterization of materials

Those who have submitted Ph.D. thesis and awaiting award of the degree may also apply.

Eligible candidates may send their applications for the said positions in the prescribed format to be downloaded from our website www.cens.res.in and sent through e-mail to ra_appln@cens.res.in. The term of the contract shall initially be for a period of one year, extendable depending on the progress of the project work. The emoluments will be fixed as per the norms prescribed by Dept of Science and Technology, Govt of India, commensurate with the qualification and experience in the research area specified above.

It may be noted that the appointment is purely temporary and the candidate shall not carry any right to seek regular employment after completion of the project work.

Applications for Research Associate positions are welcome and can be sent any time during the year.