

FAQ:

1. What is the self-evaluation form?
This is a form prepared by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), GoI, order number DST/TTG/R&Dinfra/2023, dated 20.04.2023 to verify and evaluate the usage of R&D Infrastructure created by DST and its organization.
2. Who can fill out the self-evaluation form?
The institutions having login credentials provided by the I-STEM to Institution Head (IN), Institution Representative (IR), Department Representative (DP), Faculty In-Charge (FI), and Facility Co-ordinator (FC) may only fill out the self-evaluation form.
3. Is it mandatory to fill out the self-evaluation form?
Yes, it is mandatory for all the Institutions having Equipment supported by DST and its organization.
4. What is the external user?
For any institution/organization, external users (researchers/students) are not part of the institution/organization where the research facility is hosted/located.
5. What is the internal user?
For any institution/organization, Internal users (researchers/students) are part of the same Institution/organization where the research facility is hosted/located.
6. What is the meaning of internal booking through the I-STEM?
The facility booking is done by internal users.
7. What is the meaning of external booking through the I-STEM?
The facility booking is done by external users.
8. What is the meaning of having Seminars/Webinars/Hands-on Training?
Institutes/organizations keep on conducting various seminars, webinars and hands-on training on the Equipment to create awareness and enhance usage statistics. This helps the host institution to generate fund for the maintenance/consumables required to run the Equipment/facility smoothly.
9. What is NABL/ISO/GLP accreditation?
An Accreditation is an official, independent recognition achieved by the institution to meet quality standards and establish competence to carry out specific conformity assessment tasks.
NABL/ISO/GLP are the commonly known accreditation where NABL stands for National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories, ISO stands for International Organization for Standardization and GLP stands for Good Laboratory Practice.
10. What is the meaning of Offline Booking?
If the facility booking is not executed through the I-STEM portal, then the booking is considered an offline booking.
11. What is the meaning of Online Booking?
If the facility booking is executed through the I-STEM portal, then the booking is considered an online booking.