

The twelfth Convention of Indian Agricultural Universities Association was held at Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishvavidyalaya, Palampur during 30-31 May 1983. The following topics were selected for discussion at the Convention.

THEME

Faculty improvement, internal assessment, degree courses and place of forestry education in agricultural universities.

SUB-THEMES

1. Place of Home Science education in agriculture.
2. Review of internal assessment system.
3. Restriction in admission to degree courses.
4. Merit promotion scheme for teachers.
5. Place of forestry education in agricultural universities.

MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Diploma and degree courses might be started in higher education to attract rural clientele.
2. Feasibility may be explored to establish Women's Development Centre to provide appropriate technology for rural women, offer job-oriented diplomas, and serve as a training unit and monitoring cell for Home Science services.
3. Teachers for internal evaluation system should be properly trained and regular orientation programmes should be conducted for the young teachers.
4. In view of the desirability of obtaining one degree by the students from other university, it was proposed that they may be deputed to do Ph. D. at other university and given study-leave benefit. The candidates may do the research work at their parent university. The universities may also earmark 25-30% seats for out-of-State candidates.
5. As Government Departments grant at least two promotions to its employees during the service career and the UGC also has such a scheme for general universities, such personal/merit promotion scheme should also be implemented in agricultural universities.
6. Forestry education should develop in two steps: (a) as an elective part of B. Sc. (Ag.) programme and (b) B. Sc. Forestry programme.
7. State-level institutions imparting forestry education and research should be transferred to the agricultural universities, which should also have research-based agro-forestry departments.
8. The ICAR may develop bilateral exchange programme with international organizations for development of agroforestry- based education in the universities.