

The thirteenth Convention of Indian Agricultural Universities Association was held at Andhra Pradesh Agricultural University, Hyderabad during 4-5 January 1985. The following topics were selected for discussion at the Convention.

THEME

Consideration of Model Act and Dean's Committee Report, and the rotation or Heads and games promotion in State agricultural universities.

SUB-THEMES

1. Modification of Model Act.
2. Consideration of Dean's Committee Report.
3. Rotation of Heads of Departments, Deans and Directors.
4. Promotion of games and sports in State agricultural universities.

MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Some modifications relating to the officers of the university, Vice-Chancellor etc. are suggested for incorporation in the Model Act of the ICAR.
2. Considering the Dean's Committee Report, it was suggested that the duration of degree programme should be of 4 years after 10+2 stage. One semester of supervised training programme of rural agricultural work experience should be a part of the curriculum. The elective programmes should be employment oriented, not subject-matter oriented.
3. The Veterinary Science course should be of 5 years duration, covering the disciplines Veterinary Sciences, Animal Husbandry and Production, and Products Technology. The Internship should be a supervised programme conducted at polyclinics and well-established animal-production farms.
4. For admission to the Agricultural Engineering course, there should be a common competitive entrance examination as done for other engineering institutions.
5. The posts of Deans and Directors, as well as that of Heads of Departments, should be filled on tenure basis of 5 years.
6. For promotion of games and sports in agricultural universities, the ICAR should have separate exclusive provision of 10-15% funds, besides the development grants earmarked for agricultural universities for this purpose.
7. For admission under sports quota, participation is necessary in the games conducted by the Inter-Universities Sports Board or the Association of Indian Universities.