

The fifteenth Convention of Indian Agricultural Universities Association was held at Rajasthan Agricultural University, Udaipur during 4-6 October 1987. The following topics were selected for discussion at the Convention.

THEME

Resident instruction, extension education, future agricultural research, inter-university linkage, and the administration and finance in agricultural universities.

SUB-THEMES

1. Review of resident instruction.
2. Agricultural research: perspective for the future.
3. Administration and finance management.
4. Extension education.
5. Inter-university and inter-institutional linkages.

MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Dean's Committee Report should be followed in all State agricultural universities regarding degree programmes, and refresher courses for teachers should be conducted periodically, followed by their evaluation.
2. Discipline-wise workshops may be organized on resident instruction with emphasis on credit load, course content, practicals etc.
3. To avoid duplication of research, most of the research stations under the ICAR institutes may be transferred to the State agricultural universities, along with their budget.
4. The sluggish growth in agricultural production in several regions / States should be analysed in detail to identify and rectify the constraints.
5. Research aimed at employment creation and income generation like bee-keeping, horticulture, livestock etc. should be given greater attention.
6. In-built mechanisms need to be streamlined to develop effective linkages between several disciplines in the agricultural university and continuous linkages with State development departments.
7. The sanction for revalidation within a Plan period from the ICAR needs to be waived.
8. There should be a system of automatic increase in budget under the head of Contingency for research projects, keeping in view the escalation in prices. In the ICAR budget 1% grant should be provided for maintenance of building.
9. As recommended in the tenth and fourteenth Conventions, inter-university mobility of teachers should be encouraged, along with proper facilities including sabbatical leave and service consideration. Similarly, 25% reservation for outside candidates in undergraduate and post-graduate courses would be necessary.