

The eleventh Convention of Indian Agricultural Universities Association was held at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore during 20-22 September 1982. The following topics were selected for discussion at the Convention.

THEME

Autonomy, funding, research and development, and evaluation system in State agricultural universities.

SUB-THEMES

1. Autonomy of State agricultural universities.
2. Funding of State agricultural universities.
3. Research and development tasks.
4. Evaluation methods in research and education.

MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The posts of Registrar and Comptroller should be kept on tenure basis.
2. There should be periodic review of the sale rates of farm produce to keep in conformity with market rates.
3. The university should undertake consultancy services on payment basis.
4. Every university should have an internal audit system and should follow pre-auditing.
5. The universities should explore the possibility of getting sizable grants from corporate bodies and from organizations that are beneficiaries of the research and education programmes of the university.
Donations may also be sought from its alumni.
6. Each university should aim at establishing two centres of Advanced Studies.
7. Efforts should be intensified to establish gene banks in all crops.
8. Each agricultural university should adopt four villages for overall rural development.
9. Each university may start an education cell to monitor the performance of educational programmes, curriculum needs, development of new programmes etc.
10. The research-evaluation models and processes may be worked out for agricultural research system in totality, and a guide-bank may be brought out.
11. The State should fix Block Grants to the university at the beginning of each plan period. Sanction from the State government of State for each scheme should not be necessary.
12. While determining the quantum of grant to be given to each university, the ICAR should consider the stage of its development, and the number of campuses and colleges it has to maintain, and the ability to absorb the funds.
13. A portion of the education cess collected by the State governments should be made available to the universities towards agricultural education and research.