

The fourteenth Convention of Indian Agricultural Universities Association was held at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Srinagar during 5-6 July 1986. The following topics were selected for discussion at the Convention.

THEME

New education policy and autonomy in agricultural universities, and inter-state mobility of student and teachers.

SUB-THEMES

1. New education policy and agricultural education.
2. Inter-State mobility of students and teachers.
3. University autonomy.

MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Research in Agricultural Education should be undertaken to evaluate various aspects of teaching and course curricula.
2. Irrespective of following a trimester or semester system, all the State agricultural universities should follow uniform and fixed number of working days, number of examinations per term, method of working days, number of examinations per term, method of evaluation and grading, minimum and maximum course-credit load, essential 'core courses' etc.
3. Course curricula for graduate programmes should be reviewed to include new courses required in view of social demands, manpower requirements and future development needs.
4. To ensure proper growth and monitoring of education in agriculture, National Agricultural Education Project, on the pattern of National Agricultural Research Project, may be launched. There is also need to establish Central Agricultural Universities and Indian Agricultural Education Service. The ICAR should develop strategies for the New Agricultural Education Policy.
5. The agricultural universities should enjoy full autonomy in academic, administrative and financial spheres, subject to the basic rules and guidelines.
6. To ensure greater inter-State mobility, each agricultural university should admit 25% students from outside States in its undergraduate and post-graduate programmes. All admissions should be through common entrance test conducted by the agricultural university of the State.
7. All academic positions should be filled on merit. Teachers from other States should be on deputation basis, granting them sabbatical leave and other facilities, including the service period at the other university.