

The twentieth Convention of Indian Agricultural Universities Association was held at the Veterinary College, Mumbai of the Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, during 28-30 October 1993. The following topics were selected for discussion at the Convention.

THEME

Governance of State agricultural universities.

SUB-THEMES

1. Act
2. Statute
3. Regulations
4. Financial management.

MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Model Act and the Statutes need some modification in view of the suggestions given at the Convention.
2. Extension Education Council and Research Council should also be formed in all State agricultural universities uniformly, in addition to Academic Council.
3. Assessment of theory and practical marks of students should be considered separately for the purpose of passing.
4. The universities should try to generate internal resources also through sale of farm produce, consultancy service, as well as through sale of technologies (requiring ICAR's policy decision), and having a revolving fund for utility services like printing press, engineering workshop etc.
5. Delegation of financial powers should be decentralized for Dean, Directors, Heads of Departments and other functionaries.
6. The State Governments should create separate budget head for State agricultural universities in the State Plan. All the grants by the State as well as the ICAR should be released quarterly, in the beginning, and the universities should follow pre-audit system for efficient management.