

The fourth Convention of the Indian Agricultural Universities Association was held at Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar, during 21-22 March 1973. The following topics were selected for discussion at the Convention.

THEME

Financial and administrative as well as the research and extension set-up.

SUB-THEMES

1. General administration including finance.
2. Research and extension.
3. Resident instruction.
4. Student affairs.

MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Convention recommended the transfer of Gram Sewak Training Centres to agricultural universities in all the States as originally contemplated in the Model Act.
2. The students should obtain at least one post-graduate degree from other university to widen the horizon of their knowledge.
3. Modern methods of teaching should be imparted to a post-graduates before he/she adopts this profession, and periodic refresher courses should be started during each year for in-service teachers. The teaching, research and extension faculties should be integrated, permitting their inter-transfers, besides exchange of teachers between universities.
4. There should be a permanent research centre, and every university should establish a centre of Advanced Studies, exclusively for post-graduate teaching and research.
5. For post-graduate programmes, some percentage of seats may be reserved for successful candidates of Junior Fellowship Examination conducted by the ICAR.
6. Agricultural graduates should get preference in allotment of land. The graduates should receive pre-recruitment training on joining the Development Departments.