

The fifth Convention of the Indian Agricultural Universities Association was held at Andhra Pradesh Agricultural University, Hyderabad during 8-10 February 1974. The following topics were selected for discussion at the Convention.

THEME

Inter-university co-operation and evaluation of agricultural universities.

SUB-THEMES

1. Development of inter-university co-operation.
2. Evaluation of agricultural universities – internal and external.
3. Role of home science colleges.
4. Role of basic sciences and humanities.

MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS

1. For exchange of staff between the developing and fairly developed universities, the terms of specific proposals received should be viewed for assisting the host institution, even if it involves liberalization of the formula and additional funds.
2. For enhancing research productivity and co-ordination, State or Regional workshops should be held periodically to enable all the research institutions within a State, belonging to different organizations, to supplement or complement each others' efforts instead of working in isolation.
3. Agricultural universities should avail of the facility of internship of their graduates at the Central/State Farms Corporations.
4. Every agricultural university should be evaluated periodically, beginning from 3 years after its establishment. The university may have a small permanent organization headed by a whole-time officer of the university. The IAUA might help the university with the services of a consultant.
5. The courses (full as well as short-term) in Home Science should be reoriented to meet the rural needs, and these should be problem oriented, with aim to improve the socio-economic condition of the rural families.
6. Each agricultural university should have a faculty of Basic Sciences and Humanities at post-graduate level, which can collaborate with other faculties/colleges in inter-disciplinary research with emphasis on fundamental aspects.