

The ninth Convention of Indian Agricultural Universities Association was held at Guajrat Agricultural University, Sardar krushi Nagar during 4-6 January 1978. The following topics were selected for discussion at the Convention.

THEME

Undergraduate education, inter-institutional co-ordination and collaboration, and training of education functioning in agricultural universities.

SUB-THEMES

1. Recognizance and diversification of undergraduate education in agricultural sciences.
2. Inter-institutional co-ordination and collaboration in agricultural research in India.
3. Training of education functioning.

MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The first degree should be broad based, and diversification can be done through suitable adjustment of elective course system. Specialized training to meet the specific requirements of employees like nationalized banks, pesticide and fertilizer manufacturers could be imparted through short-duration training programmes.
2. The ICAR should set up inter-disciplinary panels to examine the research proposals received from the universities for their quick processing, carry out collaborative projects and sort out regional problems.
3. Strong extension education and training centres are necessary at the agricultural universities to provide refresher as well as specialist training programmes.
4. All agricultural universities should establish a Regional Research Station in each agro-climatic zone by availing assistance under the NARP.
5. The block grants given to the universities should be non-lapsable and should be enhanced at the end of every year to meet the increase in salaries and operational costs, as per recommendations of the National Commission on Agriculture (1976).
6. The days of actual instructions should be at least 65 in a trimester and 100 in a semester, excluding examination days.
7. The marked answer books must be shown to the students after each test to generate confidence among them for internal evaluation system and to know about their own performance.