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Proceedings of the Annual Conference of Vice Chancellors of Agricultural Universities and ICAR Directors held during 30-31, January, 2019 at NASC Complex, DPS Marg, Pusa, New Delhi

Annual Conference of the Chancellors of the Agricultural Universities and Directors of ICAR institutes, chaired by Dr T. Mohapatra, Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR, was held during 30-31, January, 2019. The programme was attended by Shri Sushil Kumar, Addl. Secretary, DARE and Secretary (ICAR), Shri B. Pradhan, Addl. Secretary & Financial Advisor, DARE, all Deputy Directors General (ICAR), Vice Chancellors of the Agricultural Universities, Assistant Director Generals of ICAR, Directors of ICAR DU's and senior officials of ICAR. The focus was on ways forward to enhance the standard of higher agricultural education in the country, increase amenities and making the agricultural universities world class. Many issues, concerns and constraints were deliberated. The list of participants is given in Annexure I.

Dr. N. S. Rathore, Deputy Director General (Agricultural Education), ICAR welcomed the august gathering. He appreciated the coming together of the VCs of all AUs at this forum to discuss various issues for a fruitful coordination between ICAR, institutes and AUs. He said that Council tries to fulfil the critical needs and requirements of the AUs, so as to enable them to reform, perform and transform. He appreciated the VCs for successfully carrying out the reforms initiated by the Agricultural Education Division of ICAR and for implementing V Deans' committee recommendations, which led to the creation of new road map of agricultural education. It was also informed that the Broad Subject Matter in Agriculture (BSMA) work is still under progress and most likely will be implemented from the new academic session in 2019-20. He emphasized that initiation of ranking of AUs indicated the scope for improvements in specific areas in each AU. He appreciated the fact that Centres for Advanced Faculty Training (CAFT), summer & winter schools are the important areas to enhance faculty competency. He also informed the house about the progress of National Higher Agriculture Education project (NHAEP). He appreciated the efforts of IAUA and urged the VCs to work collectively for overall development and reforms in the N.A.R.E.S. He also congratulated the newly joined sixteen Vice Chancellors, of AU's during last one year.

Dr N C Patel, President, Indian Agricultural University Association (IAUA), complimented the Vice Chancellors for providing top priority to agriculture education. He thanked the Director General, ICAR & Secretary, DARE for writing to chief secretaries of all the states to implement 7th CPC recommendations in AUs. He appreciated the support received from the Council to all agricultural universities. He raised issues for the consideration of ICAR of multidisciplinary approach to solve the new challenges, umbrella MoUs approval by DARE and need for enhanced funding support to SAUs from ICAR with flexibility in fund utilization.

Shri Sushil Kumar, Addl. Secretary, DARE &Secretary, ICAR appreciated the fact that National Agricultural Research and Education System is the largest network in the world and recognised globally. He stressed the need to take actionable issues, out of the many being produced each year, to the next level. He further mentioned the need to encourage innovations and advocated support to tackle changing climate affecting agricultural production and productivity. He drew the attention of the house towards importance of digitization and asked the VCs to encourage digitization across AUs.

Shri B. Pradhan, Addl. Secretary & FA, DARE, said that rural agrarian distress is at the centre of national discourse these days and is one of the major challenges which cannot be ignored. He mentioned about the Krushak Asistance scheme, 'KALIA' of Odisha Govt. wherein support is being provided to small farmers during Kharif and Rabi season and a loan of up to Rs. 50,000 is free from interest. He said that another challenge is doubling Farmers' income where effective implementation of the road map action points is urgently needed. He also emphasized the need to address risks to the farming community. He further said that to remove farming distress, speed, scale, sustainability and synergy are required. There is also need to have economy, efficiency and empowerment of farming community.

Dr T. Mohapatra, Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR at the outset, felicitated Dr BS Dhillon on being honoured with Padma Shree. He also informed the house that tableaux of ICAR, during republic day celebration at Rajpath depicting 'Kisan Gandhi' won the first prize. He said that agricultural universities are the strength of the NARES system, and this platform should deliberate on issues of relevance and to work together to address the problems, and aspirations of the farmers. He also congratulated 15 farmers who have been

recognised for their contribution to agriculture and honoured with PADMA SHREE by the Govt. of India. He appreciated all VCs for their efforts and hand holding of these innovative farmers.

He requested the VCs to increase the visibility of NARES and stressed on the need for interface meeting with the State Governments on a quarterly basis: It is important for documentation of land mark achievements in variety, new technology, product, process, and other success stories in agriculture and allied areas. He advised that press and media must also be well informed of the initiatives of AUs for farmers' as well as policy makers and proper economic analysis to highlight the contributions of agricultural research in Indian economy. He urged the SAUs to capitalize on digitalization and align to changes in industry to keep up with new technology.

He appreciated the inclusion of private universities for accreditation as an effort to maintain quality of higher agricultural education. He further said that accreditation is to be taken up as a challenge to improve the overall quality of higher agricultural education and to maintain the minimum standards of the university and colleges. He also emphasised to create an environment to discuss new developments to ignite young talents.

He also desired to see

- Feasibility of transferring the Fellowships directly to student account instead of sending to AUs.
- 'Student READY' program to be implemented in true spirit with indicators to measure its success and newly initiated postdoctoral program to be expanded across all SAUs.
- SAUs to link their activities with sustainable development goals (SDGs) and promote technologies for lowering greenhouse gas emissions.
- AUs to constitute socioeconomic studies for effective outreach programs.
- Analysis on gender mainstreaming to be done.
- Analyse and quantify the contribution of AUs in the form of monitoring & societal benefits.
- SAUs may seek cooperation of the CGIAR centres for capacity building of faculty.

Dr P S Pandey, ADG, EP&HS, presented the achievements and reforms introduced in Agricultural Education Division during the last one year. He urged the AUs to upload the student data, specifically the transactions made to students account on Direct Benefit Transfer

(DBT) portal which is linked to DBT Bharat portal and keep it updated. He also requested necessary steps to be taken for timely transaction to the students since currently only 575 transactions were visible on the portal. He also informed that currently 65 universities had connectivity among libraries at different campuses and that more than one lakh theses are available on krishikosh. Thereafter, the action taken report for the last year's conference and agenda items were presented.

Agenda 1: Confirmation of the proceedings of the Annual Conference of Vice Chancellors held on March 7-8, 2018.

Since no comments were received, the proceedings of last Vice Chancellors' Conference held in March, 2018, were confirmed by the house.

Agenda 2: Action Taken Report (ATR) on the proceedings of the last annual conference held during March 7-8, 2018.

ADG (EP&HS) presented the action taken report which was approved by the house. However, the issue of lateral entry from diploma to degree course after one year and for lateral entry of 10+3+3 to be equated to 10+2+4 was not resolved and it was decided that the committee constituted is required to examine the issue along with Veterinary Science on top priority and give its final recommendations within one month.

Dr. Arvind Kumar, VC, RLBCAU, Jhansi -Chairman

Dr.R. K. Singh, Director, IVRI -Member

Dr. N. C. Patel, VC, AAU, Anand -Member

Dr. M. B. Chetti, VC, UAS, Dharwad & Former ADG (HRD) - Member secretary

Agenda 3: Agenda from EP&HS

Agenda 3.1: Annual Maintenance Contracts (AMCs) for equipment under the EFC of Agricultural Education Division.

As per direction of IFD of ICAR, no support is being provided for the AMC of the equipments under the scheme of Agricultural Education Division. Universities were requested not to utilize Council funds for the same. The universities may have a separate provision from the state funds for AMC so that the expensive equipments are maintained accordingly.

(Action: All VCs)

Agenda 3.2: Details of funding support from the ICAR.

The AUs were advised to include a consolidated details of the support received from the Council in the Annual Report of their University and to upload a copy of the annual report every year on the website of the university.

(Action: All VCs)

Agenda 3.3: Placement record of students.

A mechanism of maintain and tracking the pass out students must be placed in the university. Placement record of all the students, passing out from the university including those going for higher studies may be given in the Annual report of Development and Strengthening component. The data provided by AUs is essential for analysis of employability of agricultural graduates.

(Action: All VCs)

Agenda 3.4: Plagiarism check in thesis.

All AUs need to ensure plagiarism check and UGC guidelines for the same to be strictly followed by all AUs. All the thesis to be accompanied with certificate of plagiarism check before submission for the award of degree. If plagiarism is detected, those manuscripts are to be rejected. It was also decided to check the possibility of providing the centralized anti-plagiarism software under CeRA platform and modalities for the same may be worked out on top priority.

(Action: PD, DKMA; ADG, EP&HS & All VCs)

Agenda 3.5: KrishiKosh

It is a huge repository containing various digital resources including M.Sc. and Ph.D. thesis. It was felt that the issue of integrating the repository with anti-plagiarism software needs to be examined further and guidelines may be formulated accordingly in this regard. A committee may be constituted to look into the issue and to frame the guidelines.

(Action: ADG, EP&HS)

Agenda 3.6: Access of KrishiKosh repository.

Presently KrishiKosh provides facility of view and read the content of materials and not download facility. This was discuss to allow the download. However,

the house did not agree to allow download from the KrishiKosh repository and it was agreed to continue with view and read option only. Hence, no action is required.

Agenda 3.7: Proposal for conducting Agri Unifest/Agri Sports 2019-20.

It was decided that in the year 2019-20, XX 'AGRIUNIFEST' will be held at IGKV, Raipur and XIX 'AGRISPORTS' at UAS, Dharwad.

(Action: VCs IGKV, Raipur & UAS, Dharwad)

Agenda 3.8: Direct Benefit Transfer.

All the AUs were requested to update and upload the information on DBT portal without delay. It was also informed that portal is being monitored by the Cabinet Secretariat.

(Action: All VCs, Comptrollers AUs)

Agenda 4: Agenda from HRD

Agenda 4.1 & 4.2: AU's to start new academic session in the month of August, 2019 including Ph.D. programme.

For providing equal opportunity to students and uniformity at country level, it was agreed to start all Academic Session in all the AUs for M.Sc./ Ph.D. programme in July /August .

(Action: All VCs)

Agenda 4.3: Delay by the universities in updating the admission status on the online counselling portal.

For the smooth conduct of online counselling, it was agreed to take the prompt action in updating the admission portal, after each round of counselling, so that new academic session may start in time.

(Action: All VCs)

Agenda 4.4: Lack of understanding and confusion in auto-up-gradation at ANGRAU Guntur, RPCAU Pusa Bihar and SVVU, Tirupati caused problems in admission.

The concerned AUs took a note of it.

Agenda 4.5: Denial of admission by SAU's after the allotment of students in AIEEA through online counselling as per ICAR eligibility requirements.

All the AUs agreed to stick to the ICAR eligibility requirements for admission through ICAR-AIEEA for the ICAR seats in universities admission.

(Action: All VCs)

Agenda 4.6: In the meeting of Registrar's/ Controller's/Dean's handling admissions, please depute the actual persons to be involved in online counselling.

This was agreed to.

(Action: All VCs)

Agenda 4.7: J&K supernumerary quota.

Like previous year, it was keep decided to provision for Prime Minister Special Scholarship Scheme (PMSSS)-2 seats per branch and maximum up to 10 seats. All AUs agreed to keep supernumerary quota for J&K migrants -2 seats for B.Sc. Ag program.

(Action: All VCs)

Agenda 4.8: Admission of private university students: Gujarat High Court order.

It was agreed to follow the orders of Hon'ble High Court of Gujarat and Hon'ble Supreme court order at the time of admission regarding admitting students from Private universities/ colleges.

(Action: ADG, HRD & All VCs)

Agenda 5: Agenda from EQR

Agenda 5.1: Timely submission of Letter of Intent (LoI) and Self Study Reports for accreditation of universities as per revised guidelines.

All the AUs are requested to adhere to the timelines /guidelines of accreditation. An online system of data submission may be downloaded which can be updated regularly.

(Action: All VCs, ADG(EQR)

Agenda 5.2: Implementation of Fifth Deans' Committee recommendations.

Student READY program need to be implemented in true spirit, as per the recommendations of the V Deans' Committee. Universities will ensure the success of its implement by introducing some indicators to measure it.

(Action: All VCs, ADG, EP&HS)

Agenda 5.3: Revision of post-graduate curricula.

The process of PG curricula revision needs to be expedited by the BSMA committees.

(Action: ADG EQR)

Agenda 5.4: Inclusion of new programmes in Deans' Committee/BSMA Committees.

A Brainstorming Session may be convened to deliberate on the issues and based on the recommendations necessary action may be initiated.

(Action: ADG, EQR/Chairman BSMA)

Agenda 5.5: Post-doc Fellowships for capacity building of faculty in ICAR-AU system.

A comprehensive program covering high ranked AUs to host PDFs may be considered for inclusion in the next Five Year Plan.

(Action: ADG, EQR)

Agenda 6: Agenda from Agricultural Universities pertaining to EP&HS

Agenda 6.1: Support to AUs under Jubilee grant.

It was informed that support under centenary /jubilee grants cannot be initiated due to less funds availability in the scheme.

Agenda 6.2: Catch up grant for strengthening of ZARS/RARS/SRS for enhancing the quality of research in the present perspective.

At present under the Three Year Action Plan of Agricultural Education Division, there is no provision to support regional stations.

Agenda 6.3: Research contingency for postgraduate students.

It was informed that guidelines are well defined and support for students (contingency grant) is being provided to each AU as per the intake.

(Action: All VCs)

Agenda 6.4: Study tour for students.

The university was informed that as approved, under the scheme, there is a provision of Rs. 5000 per student during the duration of each degree programme and is being provided to each AU.

Agenda 6.5: Grants for international events.

It was informed that presently, under the Three Year Action Plan of Agricultural Education Division, there is no provision for support for deputing scientists for attending international conferences abroad.

Agenda 6.6: Conducting "AgriUnifest" of ICAR in line with Association of Indian Universities (AIU).

Due to the large number of participants in AgriUnifest/ AgriSports it is difficult to host by smaller Universities. Hence, it was agreed that such events may be held at zonal level and first and second place winners at zonal level will participate at National level. Hence, these events may be held at zonal level and then at national level. Guidelines for the same will be developed. The possibility of both these events be of use for winners for claiming seats in higher education may be explored.

(Action: ADG, EP&HS)

Agenda 6.7: Modernisation of Instructional Livestock Farm Complex (ILFC).

Provision for modernization and upgradation of Instructional Livestock Farm Complex (ILFC) and TVCC need to be made in the next Plan Scheme of Agricultural Education Division.

(Action: ADG, EP&HS)

Agenda 7: Agenda from Agricultural Universities pertaining to HRD

Agenda 7.1: Funding for strengthening the faculty and students in frontier areas.

It was informed that enough capacity building programs viz. Centre for Advanced faculty Training (CAFT)/ Summer /winter schools and short courses and capacity building programme under Niche Area of Excellence are being supported under the Scheme by Agricultural Education Division for capacity building of faculty in cutting edge areas and support is also being provided for the same under the scheme. In addition, new initiative of Post-doctoral fellows has been started. Also under NHAEP, provision of capacity building of faculty in new emerging areas is under Institutional Development Program (IDP) and Centre for Advanced Agricultural Science and Technology (CAAST) is available. New CAFT programmes will be considered in the next Plan scheme in the newer areas of Nanotechnology, genomics, automation and robotics, Artificial intelligence, IOT & Block chain technology etc.

(Action: ADG, HRD; All VCs)

Agenda 7.2: Splitting Plant Science Group for JRF exam.

The request for bifurcating the JRF exam in Pant Science Group – I comprising Genetics & Plant Breeding and Plant Science Group –II comprising Agricultural Microbiology and Plant Pathology was discussed at length and was it was decided to continue with the existing 20 major subject groups in PG and sixteen major sub groups in Ph.D.

Agenda 7.3: To conduct National Eligibility Test (NET) separately in all the disciplines of Fisheries in which postgraduate programmes are being offered.

It will be limited to the six disciplines as decided and no new disciplines will be introduced at present as decided during cadre review process.

Agenda 7.4: Setting equal number of questions for each of the subjects under a particular group for JRF examination.

Care to be taken to include equal representation for all the subjects while setting the paper.

(Action: ADG, HRD)

Agenda 7.5: Fixing specific date in a year for scheduling JRF examination so as to enable the students to prepare for the examination, well in advance.

Since the examination will be conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA) for the admission to academic session 2019-20, fixing the date, will be depending upon the availability of slots with the agency.

(Action: ADG, HRD)

Agenda 7.6: ICAR quota may be increased from 15 to 25 percent in UG and 25 to 50 percent in PG & Ph.D. to have better and more diversified group of students.

Not agreed to.

Agenda 7.7: JRF/SRF awards to the universities.

Ranking of universities based on JRF and SRF should be on the basis of percentage of students who qualify the JRF/SRF. This issue was discussed at length, it was agreed to continue with the existing procedure.

Agenda 7.8: Increase in duration of internship allowance under student READY

programme from 6 months to 12 months for B.V.Sc. & A.H. students as per

VCI MSVE 2016.

Since the internship duration has been increased to one year, provision for the

internship to B. V. Sc. & AH students of 12 months, it will be considered in the

next Plan Scheme of Agriculture Education Division.

(Action: ADG, HRD & ADG, EP&HS)

Agenda 8: Agenda from Agricultural Universities pertaining to EQR

Agenda 8.1: Signing of MoUs with international organizations.

ICAR accredited Government Universities may be allowed to enter into MoUs

with International Organizations without seeking prior approval from the

ICAR/DARE etc.

This was not agreed for.

Agenda 8.2: Umbrella MoU between ICAR and host institution (SAUs).

Umbrella MoU, currently in vogue, and finalized by Coordination Section,

ICAR, in 2016 was duly approved by the then Secretary, ICAR and Additional

Secy., DARE.

(Action: All VCs)

Agenda 8.3: Faculty exchange among agricultural universities.

The interested AUs may enter into MoUs for student & faculty exchange.

(Action: All VCs)

Agenda 8.4: Considering Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Marketing and Cooperation

as a Professional degree.

Decision will be taken as per the recommendations of the Brainstorming session

as mentioned in agenda 5.4.

(Action: ADG, EQR)

Agenda 8.5: Inclusion of NCC program.

Provision already exists.

Agenda 9: Agenda items pertaining to ASRB

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Agenda 9.1: Distribution of ARS posts to more disciplines of Fisheries Science.

It was informed by Dr J. K. Jena, DDG, Fishery Sciences that during Cadre Review process, the number of disciplines for ARS posts has been already increased to six.

Agenda 9.2: To appoint only Fisheries Professionals as Heads of Central Fisheries Institutions.

Not agreed to.

Agenda 10: Agenda items pertaining to AICRPs

Agenda 10.1: Financial support for all posts.

Not Agreed to.

Agenda 10.2: Release of funds as per expenditure under AICRPs.

This agenda was dropped, since this was the problem in only one university, RSKVV, Gwalior. The university was asked to submit case-wise details for all the AICRPs, respectively.

(Action: VC, RSKVV, Gwalior)

Agenda 11: Agenda items pertaining to KVKs.

Agenda 11.1: Grade Pay of KVK scientist.

It was informed that issue has been approved in the CCEA note and was currently under consideration of Finance Ministry.

(Action: DDG, Agriculture Extension)

Agenda 11.2: Strengthening of KVKs for the farm development.

It was informed that farm development at KVKs will be considered as per the availability of funds and adequate provisions will be made for the new KVKs in the next Plan scheme of Agriculture Extension Division.

(Action: DDG, Agriculture Extension)

General Observations

1. Each Agricultural University may prepare an assessment document giving exhaustive details in terms of economic gains.

- 2. The SAUs must take advantage of all the programmes of the Agricultural Education Division and success of the program may be assessed by SAUs.
- 3. All the Vice Chancellors may submit suggestions/inputs for the next Plan scheme EFC document.
- 4. Suggestions are invited for conversion of existing universities to the level of world class university.
- 5. Fellowships scholarships to be transferred directly into the accounts of beneficiaries.
- 6. Vice Chancellor TNAU, may prepare a document, with inputs from other AUs, on arrangements of about dual degree program.
- 7. SAUs may prepare proposal for incubation centres. ADG (IPTM) to coordinate for skill development.
- 8. Dr BS Dhillon, VC, PAU, Ludhiana to prepare a document on Impact Assessment of AICRPs.
- 9. AICRP developed technologies may be recongnised as per the contributions made by the ICAR institute & SAUs.
- 10. KVKs to disseminate technology developed by Institutes.

List of the VCs & ICAR officials who attended 'Annual Conference of Agricultural Universities and Directors of ICAR Institutes on 30-31st January, 2019

S.No.	Name & Designation
1.	Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary (DARE) & DG (ICAR)
2.	Sh. Sushil Kumar, Addl. Secretary, DARE & Secretary, ICAR
3.	Sh. Sushil Kumar, Addl. Secretary, DARE & Secretary, ICAR
4.	Shri Bimbadhar Pradhan, Addl. Secretary & FA (DARE/ICAR)
5.	Dr. N.S. Rathore, DDG, Agricultural Education Division, ICAR
6.	Dr. J. K. Jena, DDG (FS&AS), ICAR, New Delhi
7.	Dr. A.K. Singh, DDG (Horti. & CS), ICAR
8.	Dr. A.K. Singh, DDG (Agril.Extn.), ICAR
9.	Dr. K.M. Bujarbarwah, VC, AAU, Jorhat
10.	Dr. J. S. Sandhu, VC, NDUAT, Faizabad
11.	Dr. Pardesh Lal, VC, NU, Nagaland
12.	Dr. P.S. Rathore, VC, SKN, Jobner
13.	Prof. Balraj Singh, VC, AU, Jodhpur
14.	Dr. G.L. Keshwa, VC, AU, Kota
15.	Dr. V. Damodar Naidu, VC, ANGRAU, Gantur
16.	Dr. A. M. Paturkar, VC, MAFSU, Nagpur
17.	Dr. Vishnu Sharma, VC, RAJUVAS, Bikaner
18.	Dr. N.P. Daxshinxure, VC, CGKV, Durg
19.	Dr. H.D. Narayana Swamy, VC, KVAFSU, Bidar
20.	Dr. C. Balachandran, VC, TNVASU, Chennai
21.	Dr. Y. Hari Babu, VC, SVVU, Tirupati
22.	Dr. Sushil Solomon, VC, CSAUAT, Kanpur
23.	Prof. P. Biswas, VC, WBUFAS, Kolkata
24.	Dr. DD Patra, VC, BCKV, Mohanpur
25.	Dr. U.S. Gautam, VC, BUAT, Banda
26.	Dr. Parvinder Kaushal, VC, BAU, Ranchi
27.	Dr. R. Chandra Babu, VC, KAU, Thrissur
28.	Prof. A. Ramachandran, VC, KUFOS, Kochi
29.	Prof. Dr. N. Kumar, VC, TNAU, Coimbatore
30.	Dr. R.C. Srivastava, VC, RPCAU, Pusa
31.	Dr. Rameshwar Singh, VC, BASU, Patna

32.	Dr. S.Fgliv, VC, TNJFU, Nagapattinam, Tamil Nadu
33.	Sr. S.K. Patil, VC, IGKV, Raipur
34.	Prof. S. Felix, VC, TNJFU, Nagapatinam
35.	Dr. Gaya Prasad, VC, SVPUAT, Meerut
36.	Dr. N.H. Kerawala, VC, KU, Gandhinagar
37.	Dr. K.P. Viswanatha, VC, MPKV, Rahuri
38.	Dr. S.K.Rao, VC, RVSKVV, Gwalior
39.	Prof. M. Premjit Singh, VC, CAU, Imphal
40.	Dr. C. J. Dangaria, VC, NAU, Navsari
41.	Dr. Ashok A Kumar Patel, VC, SDAU, Dantiwada
42.	Dr. A.R. Pathak, VC, JAU, Junagarh
43.	Dr. Arvind Kumar, VC, RLBCAU, Jhansi
44.	Dr. K.M. Indiresh, VC, UHS, Bagalkot
45.	Dr. K.N. Kattimani, VC, UAS, Raichur
46.	Dr. S. Rajendra Prasad, VC, UAS, Bangalore
47.	Dr. M.K. Naik, VC, UAHS, Shivamogga
48.	Dr. H.C. Sharma, VC, YSPUHF, Solan
49.	Dr. Rajendra Prasad, VC, UAS, Bengaluru
50.	Dr. Tej Pratap, VC, GBPUAT, Pantnagar
51.	Dr. C. Chattopadhyay, VC, UBKV, Coochbehar
52.	Prof. K. P. Singhy, VC, CCSHAU, Hisar
53.	Dr. Pradeep Kumar Sharma, VC, SKUAST, Jammu
54.	Dr. Ashok S. Dhawan, VC, VNMKV, Parbhani
55.	Dr. V.M. Bhale, VC, DR.PDKV, Akola
56.	Dr. M.B. Chetti, VC, UAS, Dharwad
57.	Prof. Ashok Kumar Sarial, VC, CSK HPKV, Palampur
58.	Dr. R.K. Singh, Director, IVRI, Izatnagar
59.	Dr. M.S. Chauhan, Director, ICAR-CIRG, Mathura
60.	Dr. Rajbir Singh, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Ludhiana
61.	Dr. O.P. Yadav, Director, CAZRI, Jodhpur
62.	Dr. S. K.Tyagi, PC(PHET), ICAR-CIPHET, Ludhiana
63.	Dr. M. Din, PC, AICRP on UAE CIAE Bhopal
64.	Dr. R. K.Mathur, Director, ICAR-IIOPR, Godavari
65.	Dr. S.Uma, Director, ICAR-NRC for Banana, Trichy, Tamil Nadu
66.	Dr. R.N. Chatterjee, Director, ICAR-DPR, Hyderabad

67.	Dr. Ariandamoy Kundu, Director, ICAR-CIAZRI, Port Blair
68.	Dr. K.V.Prasad, Director, ICAR-DFR, Pune
69.	Dr. S.D. Sawant, Director, ICAR-NRCG, Pune
70.	Dr. V.N. Waghmare, Director, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur
71.	Prof. P.L. Saroj, Director, ICAR-CIAH, Bikaner
72.	Dr. A.D. Pathak, Director, ICAR-IISR, Lucknow
73.	Dr. H. Pathak, Director, NRRI, Cuttack
74.	Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-NAARM, Hyderabad
75.	Dr. P. Chandran, Head, Div. of Sat. Res. ICAR-NBSS& LUP, Nagpur
76.	Dr. Raghavendra Bhatta, Direcotr, ICAR-NIANP, Bangalore
77.	Dr. K.K. Vijayan, Director, ICAR-CIBA, Chennai
78.	Dr. R.S.Tripathi, Network Coordinator (VPM), CAZRI, Jodhpur
79.	Dr. V. Varundete Rao, Project Coordinator, AINP on VPM, Hyderabad
80.	Dr. A.H. Prakash, Project Coordinator(Cotton), ICAR-CICR(RS), Coimbatore
81.	Dr. Prakash Patil, Project Coordinator(Fruits), ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru
82.	Dr. H P Maheswarappa, Project Coordinator(Palms), ICAR-CPCRI, Kasaragod
83.	Dr. S.K.Shukla, Project Coordinator(Sugarcane), ICAR-IISR, Lucknow
84.	Dr. Pradip Dey, Project Coordinator(STCR), ICAR-IISS, Bhopal
85.	Dr. A.K.Roy, PC, AICRP on Forage Crops IGFRI, Jhansi
86.	Dr. K.C.Roy, Project Coordinator(EAAI), CIAE, Bhopal
87.	Dr. K.N. Agarwal, Project Coordinator(ESA), CIAE, Bhopal
88.	Dr. V.P.Singh, Director, ICAR-NIHSAD, Bhopal
89.	Dr. Abhijit Mitra, Director, ICAR-NRC on Mithun, Medziphema, Nagaland
90.	Dr. Ravishankar, Director, ICAR-CIFT, Cochin
91.	Dr. Gopal Krishna, Director, CIFE, Mumbai
92.	Dr. R.P.Singh, Executive Secretary, IAUA, NASC, Pusa, New Delhi
93.	Dr. N.C.Patel, President, IAUA, New Delhi
94.	Dr. Ramesh Chand, Director, Inst. Of Agril. Sci. BHU, Varanasi
95.	Sh B.P.Bhatt, Director, ICAR-RCER, Panta
96.	Dr. D. Sarma, Director, DCFR, Bhimtal
97.	Dr. P. Vijaya Kumar, Project Coordinator (AS. Hort.), ICAR-CRIDA, Hyderabad
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