

Proceedings of the Annual Conference of Vice Chancellors of Agricultural Universities and ICAR directors held during 22-23, January, 2016, at NASC Complex, DPS Marg, Pusa, New Delhi

INAUGURAL SESSION

Annual Conference of Vice-Chancellors (VCs) of the Agricultural Universities (AUs) and ICAR Directors was held at the National Agricultural Science Centre, Dev Prakash Shastri Marg, New Delhi, during 22-23, January, 2016. The Vice Chancellors of the Agricultural Universities (AUs), Directors of ICAR Institutes, and Senior ICAR Officials attended the interactive session. This conference provided an excellent opportunity for interaction and effective collaboration between AUs & ICAR institutes for strengthening and quality assurance of the higher agricultural education.

Dr. S. Ayyappan, Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR extended warm welcome to the Chief Guest Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare and to all the other dignitaries and participants of the Conference. As the occasion was 119th birth anniversary, of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose, the dignitaries offered rich floral tributes to the great leader.

Thereafter, Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR, presented the salient achievements and activities of the NARES and appreciated the co-operation being extended by the universities from time to time and hoped to breach the bar in research for achieving higher quality of education so that SAUs become most sought after destination for the talented students. The universities across the country should collaborate to take on emerging challenges and new programmes for increasing productivity, profitability and sustainability of the farming systems.

He also informed about the Conference of the young scientists who will be serving till 2050, celebrations of golden jubilee of green revolution, launching of Kisan Channel and release of 93 climate resilient varieties developed by NARES. He further informed that during the Year of Soils, Soil Health Cards were distributed to the farmers.

The Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare, in his inaugural address said that Netaji left us a legacy of ideas, ideals and dreams and the most precious item in that legacy is his generous and imaginative approach towards achieving unity by respecting difference. The chief guest also emphasized the importance of distribution of soil health cards to prevent excessive use of fertilizers and stated that progress of "Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav" must be monitored to study its impact. It was also informed that to improve the indigenous livestock the government has allocated Rs. 500 crore and work has been initiated in 27 states and establishment of the National Breeding Centre has been finalized in Bhopal to increase milk production. He appreciated the tradition of awards being given to progressive farmers. Sh. Neelam Dutta, a progressive and innovative organic farmer from the Biswanath Charali, Sonitpur, Assam was awarded Haldhar Organic Farmer Award, 2014. The Hon'ble Minister desired that to encourage marginal farmers, appreciation letters/awards may be given to them on the occasion of foundation Day of the Institute/ KVKs. He expressed hope that deliberations during this conference will pave the way for the prosperity of farms & farmers.

The three universities viz. University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru, Orissa University of Agriculture & Technology, Bhubaneswar, were awarded first, second and third position, respectively, for achieving excellence in AIEEA-PG examination conducted at all India level. Among the categories of large and small ICAR Institutes, the best annual report award 2014-15, was bestowed upon ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Kerala and ICAR-National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research, respectively. Various CDs and books were also released on this occasion by the Hon'ble Union Minister.

Shri Chabbilendra Roul, Additional Secy. DARE & Secretary ICAR, proposed the vote of thanks.

PLENARY SESSION

Dr .N.S. Rathore, Deputy Director General (Agril. Education), ICAR extended the warm welcome to the august gathering. The new VCs were also introduced. He informed that guidelines for the various components have been firmed up. He complimented the VCs for the progress being made in strengthening the higher

agricultural education and urged them to monitor the budget and submit the reports and other necessary documents on time for smooth functioning. He also mentioned linking of grant with accreditation and launching of “Student READY” component and requested the VCs to be proactive. He praised the efforts of the Dean’s in preparing the draft report of Fifth Deans’ Committee.

Shri C. Roul, Additional secretary DARE & Secretary ICAR, lauded the concerted efforts and role of agricultural scientists in providing food security to the nation and shaping the future of the country. He mentioned that fruits of the green revolution were realized due to the sincere efforts of researchers, extension workers and policy makers. He emphasized that this is not the time to be complacent but, in fact we have to work towards making farming a profitable venture and develop it as agribusiness. He also emphasized on strengthening agriculture education so as to have quality human resources for strengthening research and technology programmes with an ultimate goal of increasing productivity. Our focus should be on creating an ecosystem which is economically viable and profitable for farmer and develop commercially viable cropping systems. He expressed that farming must be developed as capital system approach with primary and secondary processing facilities, as youth will be attracted to agriculture, only if, the package is commercially viable.

Shri S.K. Singh, Additional Secretary & FA, DARE, was of the view that resources have to be optimally utilized in transparent manner and urged the Vice Chancellors to ensure that all the formalities are adhered to. He informed that guidelines/criteria have been uploaded on the Council’s website and all the universities can view them and shortcomings, if any, will be revised in due course. He mentioned that meeting of comptrollers was fruitful and requested the VCs to ensure that all formalities are adhered to and the resources are utilized optimally in transparent manner. He requested that all universities must get themselves registered on CPMS/PMS portal.

Dr. M.C. Varshneya, President IAUA, in his remarks briefed the activities of the IAUA. He appreciated the role of ICAR in supporting higher agricultural education. He informed that there existed close collaboration and coordination among member AUs of IAUA and lauded the all-round agriculture development under the aegis of

ICAR. He was of the view, that weaker and new universities should be supported more by the Council.

Dr. Gurbachan Singh, Chairman, ASRB, briefed about the efforts of ASRB in conducting interviews on time and efforts towards filling up of vacancies. He informed about the revised score card and application form. He also mentioned about the digitization process initiated in ASRB, and the revised pattern of ARS exam.

Dr S. Ayyappan, Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR, welcomed everyone and emphasized the need to work in partnership with Agricultural universities. He advocated that way forward should be through competitive modes and grants should be linked to performance in various spheres. He mentioned that Golden jubilee of the Green Revolution was celebrated and added that, as per present scenario, by 2030 the productivity may increase by 40%, leading to decrease of rural poverty and hunger by 30%. In his view, the GM & hybrid technologies, restoration of soil health, farm mechanization and quality human resource will effectively contribute towards next green revolution. The house was apprised about the proactive measures taken by ICAR to tackle deficient monsoon last year like creating awareness, issuing advisories, contingency plans, seed store, rain water harvesting, *in situ* rain water management etc. The renewed thrust of the government in higher agricultural education was also highlighted. He emphasized that concept of innovation led growth in agriculture is essential for sustainability, and informed that starting of Nanocellulose Pilot Plant in CIRCOT, Mumbai was a step towards GOI efforts towards 'Make in India'. The information regarding new initiatives launched by ICAR viz. **मेरा गाँव मेरा गौरव**, Farmer FIRST, Student READY, ARYA, Agri-Tech Foresight Centre, Extramural Funding, National Agricultural Incubation Fund etc. was shared with the august gathering. He stated that each university may adopt a single village to showcase the impact of the technologies developed. He emphasized that the work and technologies must leave a roadmap for the younger generation.

Agenda 1: Confirmation of the proceedings of the last Annual Conference of Vice Chancellors held on May 15-16, 2015.

Since no comments were received, the proceedings of last VC conference held in May, 2015 were confirmed by the house.

Agenda 2: Action Taken Report (ATR) on the proceedings of the last Annual Conference held during May 15-16, 2015.

ADG (EP&HS) presented the action taken report which was approved by the house. However, to discuss the issue of lateral entry from diploma to degree course after one year and for lateral entry 10+3+3 could be equated to 10+2+4. However, it was decided to examine the issue for veterinary sciences, and following committee was constituted:

Dr. M. C. Varshneya, VC, KU, Amreli	-Chairman
Dr. Ramasamy, VC, TNAU, Coimbtore	-Member
Dr. A. K. Srivastava, VC, NDRI, Karnal	-Member
Dr. N. C. Patel, VC, AAU, Anand	-Member
Dr. M. B. Chetti, ADG (HRD)	- Member secretary.

Agenda 3: Agenda from EQR

Agenda 3.1: Course curricula of UG programmes developed by Fifth Deans' Committee

Agenda 3.2: Uniform nomenclature of academic programmes

Agenda 3.4: Student 'READY' programme

Agenda 3.6: Minimum Standards of Higher Agricultural Education for Private Colleges affiliated to State Agricultural Universities.

All the above items were covered during presentation of the Dean's Committee report by ADG (EQR).

Prof. R. B. Singh, Chairman, Fifth Deans' Committee, in his remarks stated that dynamic curriculum is must for excellence and relevance of agricultural education for prosperous India. He said Green, White, Yellow and Blue Revolutions have been made possible through quality Education, Research and Extension. The challenges being faced by the farming community were also highlighted by him. He was of the

view that the challenges for Agricultural Researchers and Educationists are to develop innovations that offer sustainable intensification of production, profitability and social attractiveness to agriculture as a profession, ecosystem Services, and prediction of future demands and match them and emphasized that third generation universities should take up zero hunger challenge. He also discussed about building up of the *Unnat Pathyakarm*-leading to *Unnat Krishi shiksha* which can further lead to *Unnat Krishi & Kisan* and ultimately *Unnat Bharat*. According to him, curriculum development should be driven by expertise in field, external advisory groups etc.

Thereafter, salient points of the draft report were presented by Dr. G. Venkateshwarlu, ADG (EQR).

The soft copy of the Deans' Committee report will be sent to all VCs and all the VCs may submit the feedback after discussion with the faculty within two month's time.

(Action: ADG (EQR), All VCs)

Agenda 3.3: Accreditation of SAUs/DUs/CAUs for quality assurance

The accreditation will be mandatory for release of Grant-in-Aid to agricultural universities and only the academic programmes recommended by Deans' Committee and PG course regulations committee will be considered for accreditation. Filling of 15% and 25% quota in UG and PG programmes, respectively in agricultural universities through All India Entrance Examination for Admission (IAEEA) would be allowed only for accredited colleges from the academic year 2016-17.

(Action: ADG (EQR), All VCs)

Agenda 3.5: Training of rural youth for Soil Testing as Recommended by PMO

The soil testing laboratories spread across the country and operational under KVKs, SAUs ICAR institutes have been identified to train 50 youth each in the area of soil and water management, collection and analysis of soil samples at each centre. All VCs were requested to take appropriate action and communicate to the Council at the earliest in compliance of PMO directives.

(Action: All VCs)

Agenda 3.7: Ranking framework of Agricultural Universities

The Vice Chancellors' were requested to go through the evaluation proforma available on the website and offer inputs/comments in one month's time.

(Action: All VCs)

Agenda 3.8: Filling of vacant posts in Agricultural Universities

All VCs were requested to take immediate action to fill the vacant positions. Further, essentiality of NET for the recruitment to the post of Assistant Professor in the agricultural universities needs to be complied.

(Action: All VCs)

Agenda 4: Process of registration of the public sector varieties by Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority (PPVFRA)

Prof. R. R. Hanchinal, Chairman, PPVFRA, briefed about the role of NARS in registration of farmers' & public sector varieties. He informed that from 2013-2015, 4923 applications were received for registering the varieties and 705 certificates were issued covering 67 crop species. One of the function of the Authority is to document, index and catalogue the farmers' varieties. He informed that Authority supports and reward farmers, particularly the tribal and rural communities engaged in conservation, improvement and preservation of genetic resources of economic plants and their wild relatives, particularly in areas identified as agro-biodiversity hotspots. KVKs may spread awareness among farmers if they are conserving varieties to apply for awards from PPVFRA.

(Action: DDG (Agril. Extn))

Agenda 5: Issues pertaining to Education Planning & Home Science

Agenda 5.1: Guidelines for development grants and library strengthening

The agricultural universities were advised to refer to the website for consulting the guidelines for all the components.

The general conditions for the release of grants were also briefed

- Essentiality of National Eligibility Test (NET) for recruitment of faculty in SAUs to be followed.
- University seeking grant must be accredited by the Accreditation Board of ICAR from FY 2016-17 onwards.
- The University must broadly adhere to the ICAR Model Act.
- Commitment of the university in following the instructions of the Council and execution of educational reforms would also be considered.

(Action: All VCs)

Agenda 5.2: Timeline for submission of proposals, UC & AUC by AUs.

The Universities were advised to adhere to timelines for submission of documents and ADG (EP&HS) also informed that all the comptrollers were apprised about this during comptrollers' meet on 28th December, 2015.

(Action: All VCs)

Agenda 5.3: Nomination of Nodal Officer for liaising with Education Division ICAR

One nodal officer from each Agricultural University may be nominated for better co-ordination and liasoning with Education Division, ICAR. The name, mobile number and mail id etc. may be immediately submitted to the Education Division.

(Action: All VCs)

Agenda 5.4: Issue of RAWE and NTS

Consolidated demands for NTS and RAWE must be submitted by the university. Revised rates for RAWE @ Rs.3000/student for 6 months and NTS @ Rs. 2000/student (UG) and @ Rs. 3000/student (PG) have been approved, and will be provided from January, 2016 onwards. Proposals have to be submitted in prescribed format along with checklists.

(Action: All VCs)

Agenda 5.5: Submission of status reports by AUs for EL and Planning Cell/PME Cell

The universities who have not submitted the information till date on the above issues were requested to submit without delay.

(Action: All VCs)

Agenda 5.7: Uploading of information on NISAGENET

The universities were advised to provide the correct information on NISAGENET.

(Action: All VCs)

Agenda 5.8: Availability of e-resources in agriculture

The Vice chancellors ' were apprised about the e-resources available on the website viz. e-Courses for UG, CeRA (Consortium of electronic Resources in Agriculture), e-Granth & Krishi Prabha, e-Krishi Shiksha- a new portal under process etc. The universities were requested to expedite the process of uploading of thesis on the portal.

(Action: All VCs)

Agenda 5.9: Gender in Agriculture Partnership

GAP is a platform of agricultural R&D organizations from India similar to GAP of the Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR), located at FAO, Rome, Italy.

Goal: Engendering agricultural research and extension for women empowerment and inclusive agricultural growth

Objectives:

- Promote national and international collaboration and cooperation for strengthening gender research in agriculture,
- Provide advocacy in planning and implementing gender based actions in agriculture,
- Document and disseminate gender based knowledge to sensitize and educate stakeholders on gender issues in agriculture and ways to address them.

All institutions in NARES including ICAR institutions and Agricultural Universities can become members of GAP, India platform

(Action: All VCs)

Agenda 5.10: Strengthening linkages with Commodity Boards

Minutes of the meeting will be forwarded to all the SAUs and ICAR institutes.

(Action: ADG, EP&HS)

Agenda 6.1: Implementation of the recommendations of Prof. R. B. Lal Committee for admission through ICAR AIEEA

DG, ICAR had requested all the VC's vide DO. No. Edn./1/26/2014-Exam Cell dated 1st Sept., 2014 to implement the decision of Prof. Lal Committee recommendations as per decision of VC's conference in 2011 & 2014 at Baramati & Delhi, respectively. AUs were advised to strictly follow the recommendations for smooth conduct of counselling and admissions.

(Action: All VCs)

Agenda 6.2: Denial of admission by SAUs after the allotment of students in AIEE Counselling

SAU's were advised to strictly adhere to eligibility criteria of ICAR-AIEEA information bulletin while admitting the selected candidates.

(Action: All VCs)

Agenda 6.3: Allotment of seats for B.Sc, M.Sc. & Ph.D. programmes in SAUs as per ICAR guidelines

In view of online counseling from 2016-17, all universities were requested to send seat position carefully and to admit students to their UG/ PG/ Ph.D. programmes as per ICAR guidelines contained in AIEEA /AICE-SRF-PGS bulletins.

(Action: All VCs)

Agenda 6.4: Initiation of funding for Extra Mural Research proposals by Agricultural Education Division

Agricultural Education Division has initiated Extra Mural research funding from financial year 2015-16. The AUs were advised to encourage the faculty for submitting proposals.

(Action: All VCs)

Agenda 6.5: Initiation of skill development programme by SAU's as per the directives of GOI

As per the directives of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) & National Skill Development Mission, SAU's were advised to initiate Skill Development Programs for the rural youth and farming community under the Experiential Learning sub-component of 'Student READY'.

(Action: All VCs)

Agenda 6.6: Introduction of 100% on-line application & counselling for 2016-17 admission through ICAR AIEEA

The universities were informed that ICAR has initiated the process for switching over to online application and counselling which will be implemented from forthcoming academic session 2016-17. Universities were advised to adhere to the allotment made during online counseling and no changes will be entertained once the seats are allotted. Since application will be invited online, Information Bulletin with Application form will not be printed. Candidates may be advised by the Universities to consult ICAR website for notification of on-line application.

(Action: All VCs)

Agenda 6.7: M.Sc. & Ph. D. admission in AU's to the candidates having passed their Bachelor's degree with four years program i.e. 10+2+4 system only from academic session 2016-17 except for four ICAR-DUs

Admission to AUs will be only for the candidates having 10+2+4 for Masters and 10+2+4+2 for Ph.D. for Agriculture; 10+2+5 for Veterinary Graduates for Masters;

10+2+5+2 for Doctoral degree. Candidates with 3 years Bachelor's degree are not eligible for admission through AIEEA-PG-2016 and AICE-SRF (PGS) - 2016, except for four ICAR DU's.

Agenda 6.8: 100% Admission to ICAR-DU's only through their entrance exam for Ph.D. programme for 2016 admission

ICAR – DU's will fill up 100% of seats for Ph.D. admissions through the exam conducted by them. No seat allotment/SRF-PGS award by ICAR through AICE-SRF (PGS) for 4 DU's for Ph.D. Program.

Agenda 6.9: Filling up of 15% seats for UG and 25% seats for M.Sc. &Ph.D. discretion of powers rests only with ICAR- SAU's to follow

All the SAUs were advised to follow ICAR guidelines for filling up of 15% of seats for U.G. and 25% seats for M.Sc. & Ph.D. admissions. Unlike previous years, only 15% of seats for B.Tech (Dairy Tech) programme at NDRI will be filled through AIEEA-UG-2016 and 85% to be filled by NDRI, Karnal.

(Action: All VCs)

Agenda 6.10: Seats position & eligibility criteria to be indicated for online counselling and to harmonize with ICAR eligibility criteria

Universities were requested to indicate actual seat position in the university for Undergraduate, Masters & Ph.D. degree programs to be filled through AIEEA exam, by 15 Feb., 2016.

(Action: All VCs)

Agenda 6.11: Implementation of the decision taken in earlier VC conference for consideration of intermediate with "Agriculture" as a subject for UG admissions through AIEEA

The candidates who have passed 10+2 examination with Agriculture and not studied Physics /Chemistry as separate subjects are eligible for admission in some AU's in states of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh. Quite a significant number of candidates qualify the AIEEA-UG, having passed intermediate with Agriculture but denied admissions by other Universities. AU's may

consider admitting such candidates for B.Sc. (Ag.)/Horticulture/Sericulture etc. as decided in the previous VC Conferences.

(Action: All VCs)

Agenda 7: Agenda from Agricultural Universities pertaining to EP&HS

Agenda 7.1: Support for infrastructure development/equipments etc.

It was informed that need based limited support as per approved EFC for the XII Plan scheme is being considered.

Agenda 7.2: Support under jubilee grant

Support under this component may not be considered during XII Plan scheme due to paucity of funds.

Agenda 7.3: Experiential Learning Modules: submission of new modules/ strengthening of existing modules/ provision for revolving fund

New modules are being considered on priority for the colleges/ faculty /department where only one no module has been sanctioned till date. Limited support is being provided for the upgradation of the Experiential Learning Modules as per norms after review of the detailed program along with the impact report submitted by the university. It was also informed that Experiential Learning modules have to be self-sustaining and contingency is provided as per approved norms only during the first two years of establishment.

Agenda 7.4: Support for library strengthening

The support being provided to the AUs for library strengthening is for digitization of the libraries.

(Action: All VCs)

Agenda 8: Agenda from Agricultural Universities pertaining to HRD

Agenda 8.1: Increasing number of fellowships /ICAR seats

A Committee constituted under the chairmanship of Dr. Panjab Singh is already examining the issue.

(Action: ADG (HRD))

Agenda 8.2: Capacity Building of Faculty in SAUs

The capacity building of faculty in SAUs is essential considering the latest developments in Science & Technology and Teaching Methodology. It has been decided to establish faculty recharge centre at NAARM itself since NAARM is conducting regular trainings for the faculty of not only SAUs but also ICAR Institutes, ICAR Headquarters and all those under NARES system. A budgetary provision of Rs. 20.00 crores has been made and the same is approved in the CCEA note. The process of establishing the Faculty Research Centre is underway.

(Action: ADG (HRD))

Agenda 8.3: Requests for Opening of new AIEEA Examination Centres

Such requests are examined and considered on need based basis. This request was from UBKV, Cooch Behar and already there are two centres in West Bengal, one each at Kolkata & Mohanpur.

Agenda 8.4: Admission to MV.Sc. programme: Universities with Vety. faculties to offer admission to the candidates who have obtained their education in VCI recognized Vety. Colleges. In Admissions through ICAR's AIEEA –PG this is being followed.

Agenda 8.5: Enhancement of remuneration to Scientist Emeritus

Considering the need for enhancing the honorarium paid to ICAR Emeritus Scientist in view of the representation made by several Emeritus Scientists, a budgetary provision of Rs. 30.00 crores has been made in the recently approved CCEA note. The process of enhancement of remuneration through IFD is initiated.

(Action: ADG, HRD)

Agenda 8.6: Measures to check inbreeding of faculty

To check inbreeding, ICAR admitting students through AIEEA for 15% to UG and 25% to PG programmes in all SAUs which is being followed by all AUs. ICAR also sponsors Summer/Winter Schools & Short Courses and CAFT Trainings with a view not only to enhance teaching, research and extension skills of the faculty but also expose the faculty to different academic atmosphere. However, Suggestions were sought from VCs

(Action: ADG, HRD;All VCs)

Agenda 8.7: Introduction of additional subjects for ICAR SRF/ JRF Exam

The additional subjects proposed by the Agricultural Universities/Institutes are only with respect to few subjects like Agricultural Physics, Water Science & technology, Post Harvest Technology and Engineering. These subjects are offered in limited Universities and in IARI. Since 100% admission to Ph. D. Programme will be done by all the Deemed Universities at their level from the academic year, 2016-17. Hence, creation of additional subjects for ICAR-JRF/SRF examination was not felt necessary at this stage.

Agenda 8.8: Provision for Post Doctoral Fellowship

The proposal has been made for initiating Post Doctoral Fellowship in Indian Agricultural Universities in the EFC of NAEP Programme.

Agenda 9: Agenda from Agricultural Universities pertaining to EQR

Agenda 9.1: Farm mechanization/strengthening

This component under the Plan scheme will not be considered due to paucity of funds

Agenda 9.2: Re-structuring of UG and PG programmes

UG programmes are being revised and restructured and draft report of the Fifth Dean's Committee was presented.

Agenda 9.3: Regulation for private colleges of agricultural and allied faculties

Among 62 SAU, only a few AUs have extended affiliation to several private colleges to offer courses in agricultural sciences. The ICAR has devised a framework in the form of Deans' Committee report for ensuring quality education. While affiliating the Colleges, the SAUs were requested to ensure minimum standards prescribed by Deans' Committee in respect of basic infrastructure, required instructional facilities and the requisite faculty to run a quality degree programme in agricultural sciences.

(Action: All VCs)

Agenda 9.4: Creation of faculty positions in college(s) under ICAR

This was not considered.

Agenda10: Agenda items pertaining to KVKs

Remarks on issues pertaining to KVKs

- Vacant positions in KVKs & AICRPs to be filled on priority
- Funds allocated for KVKs must reach respective KVK from SAUs
- Funds are allocated for Front line Demonstrations to KVKs
- Any purchase may be made as per ICAR guidelines subject to CCEA note approval. There is no provision for the purchase of mini bus.

Agenda11: Agenda items pertaining to AICRPs

Enhancing Contingencies under AICRP schemes, Sanctioning of New AICRP schemes , provision ofallowances in some AICRP schemes in some schemes funds are not provided for allowances like LTC, medical, CCA etc., Timely release of funds for AICRP projectsand promotions of Sr. technical Assistant to T-7-8 and T-9 as per ICAR Technical service rulesetc.

- For the agenda items pertaining to AICRPs it was suggested that ICAR guidelines for AICRP projects may be followed.
- Transfer of scientists/SMS from AICRPs to universities is not permitted without the concurrence of Project Coordinator

ACTION POINTS

- No funding from the Central scheme for the universities, if not accredited, from the financial year 2016-17.
- Timely submission of following documents by the Universities in the prescribed format:
 - i. Proposals along with checklists
 - ii. Annual Progress Report
 - iii. Utilization Certificate (UC)
 - iv. NET Essentiality Letter
 - v. Audited Utilization Certificate (AUC)
 - vi. Work Completion Certificate
- The universities may submit the list of the identified climate resilient varieties and submit the data base of such varieties to the Council.

- Universities may start Media Cell for Science communication and support will be provided from the Council.
- Vice Chancellors may critically look at the proposals submitted by the universities and proposals may be submitted in challenging areas so that faculty, university and country is benefited by extramural funding proposals.
- Movement of faculty across AUs to be encouraged
- Idle time of the AICRP scientists to be utilized for teaching so as to effectively address the faculty shortage.
- Land utilization pattern in precise mode to be taken up
- The universities may indicate the number of soil health laboratories that could be used for soil Health analysis
- To emphasize the use of technologies the showcasing of these technologies and results obtained may be demonstrated in a particular village.
- The universities may also submit proposals for establishing new KVKs as 109 new KVKs can be established.
- There should be a robust set of performance indicators for the PME Cell to prioritize, monitor and evaluate the outputs and outcome in all schemes and programmes.
- Location specific Farming System Models to be developed, and DDG (NRM) may bring out compiled compendium with duly worked out economics of successful model.
- Discipline wise meetings of the Deans may be held every two years.
- NDRI may submit a report on the progress of Sahiwal breed & its associated aspects.
- ICAR Institutes/ KVKs may felicitate marginal farmers during their Foundation Day celebrations.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Dr. P.S. Pandey, ADG (EP&HS)