

RAJASTHAN AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY, BIKANER

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 31ST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD
ON 24TH OCTOBER, 1994 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE UNIVERSITY
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, BIKANER.

Following were present;

1. Dr. R.K. Patel	Chairman
2. Dr. B.S. Yadav	Member
3. Sh. C.S.Rajan	Member
4. Sh. Subhash Garg	Member
5. Sh. Surendrapal Singh	Member
6. Dr. A.N. Shukla	Member
7. Dr.(Mrs.) P.Sundaram	Member
8. Dr. S.L. Mathur	Member
9. Dr. P.C. Gupta	Member
10. Dr. R.P. Bhardwaj	Member
11. Dr. P.C. Jain	Member
12. Dr. S.K. Purohit	Member
13. Sh. B.D. Shandilya	Member Secretary

INVITEE:

1. Sh. K.S. Bika

Dr.D.N.Ram; Secretary (Animal Husbandry); Secretary (Higher Education); Dr.R.P.Singh and Sh.Shiv Kishore Sanadhya did not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor welcomed the new members who were attending meeting for the first time and desired to use their wisdom and seek their cooperation in the development of the University.

The meeting of the Board of Management was earlier scheduled on 17th October, 1994 which has to be postponed because of ~~indisposition of the Chairman and therefore the~~ Chairman apologised to the members for the inconvenience caused to them.

The first issue of RAU News - A News letter of Rajasthan Agricultural University, Bikaner - January to October, 1994 was presented by the Chairman to the house, which was a draft for official use only and to receive suggestions for improving. The final official release will also be having some coloured photographs and is proposed to be released early before DEEWALI.

He highlighted some of the important events since holding of the last meeting of Board of Management as follows:

I. Strategic Development Plan (SDP) for the University:

Government of Rajasthan and Rajasthan Agricultural University has signed a contract with Consortium for International Development (CID) for the preparation of Strategic Development Plan for RAU on October 10, 1994 at Jaipur. The consultants will complete the work within 40 weeks with the deployment of eminent scientists equivalent to 35 man months covering all conceivable areas of RAU which require modernisation to make this infant University a Center of Excellence to meet the challenges in near future and in the beginning of the 21st Century. The University is likely to receive Rs.47.70 Crore for modernisation of plan through the World Bank.

II. Buildings programme:

The campus development at Beechwal was going at fairly slow speed in the recent past. The building activity was reviewed and necessary instructions were given to all the agencies to gearup the work and programme of construction is getting momentum. Some of the buildings are likely to be handed over to various colleges and offices within 6 months' time to take possession and start functioning in the newly constructed buildings.

III. Establishment of Liaison Office Cum Communication Centre at Jaipur:

The University receives most of the grants from the State Government and therefore a persistent follow-up and sustained pursuation is required to get the approval/sanction of the Government from time to time. In absence of any Liaison Officer at Jaipur most of the things got delayed and work suffered and therefore an urgent need to establish Liaison Office was felt. The University could manage to get a room allotted at Pant Krishi Bhavan, Jaipur to establish the office which will facilitate the work of the University. Through this facility University would like to extend to people, the technology developed by its research units.

IV. Meeting of the Post-graduate Council:

The meeting of the Post-graduate Council was held at Bikaner on June 25, 1994 which approved the newly formulated courses of different Faculties of the University.

V. Peer Assessment of RAU:

On approval of the Board of Management, a High-Powered External Review Committee (ERC) of 11 eminent scientists has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Dr.J.S.Kanwar, Former Deputy Director General, ICRISAT, Hyderabad. All members except Dr.R.P. Aneja who has left for a foreign assignment have given their acceptance. He will be substituted by an eminent Dairyman. The Committee would critically examine the ongoing activities and suggest remedial measures. All the 3 activities namely teaching, research and extension alongwith governance will be covered.

VI. Bifurcation of Assets:

The issue of bifurcation of the assets between the erstwhile Mohan Lal Sukhadia University and Rajasthan Agricultural University has been pending for more than 6 years and it is hampering the development of University at Bikaner and so also its working could give expected returns to the Society. It is a matter of serious concern and while presenting information about this, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor presented the historical perspective and how the work culture has degenerated in the Society in general and within the University in particular. Through this forum he wanted to let the Government know about the urgency of the issue and to settle the matter expeditiously. He suggested that the source of the funding of various activities should be taken as a sole criteria in deciding the bifurcation issue.

