

RAJASTHAN AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY : BIKANER

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 32ND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD
ON 23RD MAY, 1995 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICE, BEECHWAL-BIKANER.

Following were present :

1. Dr. R.K.Patel	Chairman
2. Sh. Narpat Singh Rajvi	Member
3. Dr. R.P.Singh	Member
4. Sh. Surendra Pal Singh	Member
5. Dr. S.L.Mathur	Member
6. Dr. R.P.Bhardwaj	Member
7. Dr. P.C.Jain	Member
8. Dr. S.K.Purohit	Member
9. Sh. B.D.Shandilya	Member Secretary

INVITEE :

1. Sh. K.S.Bika.

Dr. D.N.Ram, Secretary (Animal Husbandry), Secretary (Higher Education) & Dr.(Mrs.)P.Sunderam did not attend the meeting.

Agriculture Production Secretary, Director Agriculture, Dr. B.S.Yadav, Dr. A.N.Shukla and Dr. P.C.Gupta conveyed their inability to attend the meeting.

Before taking up the regular agenda items the Chairman and the Members of the Board of Management expressed sorrow on the sad demise of Sh. Sukhdev Prasad, Ex-Governor of Rajasthan & Chancellor and Dr. K.M.Mehta, Member of Board of Management of RAU and Selection Committee. The members observed 2 minutes silence in honour of the departed souls.

1. Extending a cordial welcome to all the members to the meeting of the Board, the Chairman expressed that he was very pleased to welcome Shri Narpat Singh Rajvi, MLA as the new member on the Board of Management.

2. Expressing appreciation of the dedication by the RAU fraternity and the generosity of GOR, ICAR and other agencies, the Chairman stated that the thrust areas highlighted in earlier BOM meetings and the staff dedicated efforts would certainly enable RAU to make quantum jump from being a mere purveyor to an enabler.

3. The Chairman congratulated the RAU scientists who won the various awards during 1994-95, particularly Dr. S.L.Intodia and Dr. K.M.L.Pathak who have been honoured with Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Memorial Prize and Dr. Rajendra Prasad Award, respectively.

4. The Chairman commented that the revival of 2 ICAR Coordinated Projects, sanction of 21 new research projects and institution of NABARD Chair in a short span of nearly one year would provide the funding support to underpin the university research by a research base of genuinely international quality.

5. The Chairman informed that in recognition to the need of more face-to-face interactions amongst the scientists, the University organised an International Conference for the first time. This important event on plant diseases held at RCA, Udaipur during February 12-17, 1995 attracted more than 300 participants from various countries including Canada, W.Germany, U.K., Denmark and many others. Besides this, six National workshops/ symposia were also organised/sponsored. Further, 3 faculty members were provided with travel grants enabling their participation in symposia/conference in foreign countries.

6. Commenting on the progress of Strategic Development Plan for RAU, the Chairman mentioned that a series of visits and meetings with the Consortium for International Development (CID) consultants have been arranged at different locations and all possible efforts are being made to facilitate the planning process. He further stated that the inception report received on 27th January, 1995

has been discussed by Govt. and University officials and approved. This report contains : the RAU mandate, a brief evaluation of current conditions, proposed Mission Statement, a discussion of the basis for the Strategic Plan and a framework for development of the plan.

Various CID Team Leaders presented policy papers in a In-house workshop held at Bikaner on 6th & 7th April, 1995. Subsequently, Workshop No. 4 was held at Jaipur on 10th April, 1995. The observations made during the workshop served as a feedback to the consultants for making improvement in the planning process. The consultants are now drafting the Strategic Development Plan which will be submitted for discussion in June, 1995.

7. Articulating his appreciation of the research efforts, the Chairman informed that 2 crop varieties of Chickpea and Mothbean developed by RAU scientists in 1994-95 have been notified by G.O.I. for Rajasthan and other states, 3 varieties of Sesame and Wheat have been released by CVRC for Rajasthan and other states, and 11 varieties of different crops have been released by the State Seed Sub-committee for Rajasthan. He stated that 264.86 Q of TFL seed of different crops has been produced in Kharif 1994-95. The TFL seed production during Rabi 1994-95 is expected to be 1260 Q. Dr. R.S.Paroda, Secretary DARE and Director General, ICAR released the first bag of seed under RAU tag on 13.1.95 at Jaipur.

8. Detaining the progress in Extension Education, the Chairman stated that with the support from ICAR 3 new KVKs have been sanctioned, **the** RAU now has 23 KVKs. The G.O.R. has also identified 8 Zonal Training Centres under ADP. He informed that RAU participated in Agri Expo 95 where more than 50,000 visitors appreciated research contributions of RAU with special reference to varieties of cotton and cereal crops. The Chairman also appraised the members about farmers fairs, training courses, frontline demonstrations and other programmes of the Directorate of Extension Education.

9. Highlighting the staff welfare activities during 1994-95 the Chairman narrated that ex-cadre personal promotions, lying pending since January, 1988 were activated and 18 Associate Professors were promoted to the post of Professor in different disciplines. Likewise, career advancement for 1994-95, counting RAU Assistant Professors services rendered in other institutions for career advancement, granting senior/selection scale from the date of eligibility, grant of one and three advance increments to Assistant Professors having M.Phil. or Ph.D degree at the time of their initial appointment and leave encashment have benefited the teaching community. He informed that exercise for career advancement for 1995 has been initiated. For the non-teaching staff, seniority lists of various cadres have been finalised, various appointments (200 casual labourers, 7 class IV as drivers and 12 wards of deceased employees) have been made/regularised (53 work-charged employees of Estate office regularised, some working on casual/fixed basis regularised) and various promotions have been made.

10. The Chairman informed that the response to the inaugural issue of "RAU NEWS" and the brochure has been overwhelming. Following these, we have quite a good crop of publications from the Directorate of Research and other academics.

The details of the above achievements in the year 1994-95 are enclosed as Anex-I.

