

RAJASTHAN AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY : BIKANER

Proceedings of the 33rd Meeting of the Board of Management Held on 27th March, 1996 at 11.00 A.M. in the University Administrative Office, Rajasthan Agricultural University, Bikaner.

The following were present:

1. Dr R K Patel	Chairman
2. Sh Narpat Singh Rajvi	Member
3. Dr R.P Singh	"
4. Dr B S Yadav	"
5. Dr Fateh Karan	"
6. Dr S S Rathore	"
7. Dr V S Kulhari	"
8. Dr G.S.Sharma	"
9. Dr P K Pareek	"
10. Dr L K Murdia	"
11. Sh B I. Naval	Member Secretary

Invitee

1. Sh. K S Bika

Sh.C.S.Rajan, Agriculture Production Secretary, Dr. (Mrs) Pushpa Gupta, Dean, College of Home Science, Udaipur conveyed inability to attend the meeting Secretary (Animal Husbandry), Secretary (Higher Education), Director Agriculture, Dr O N Kunzru and Sh. Surendra Pal Singh could not attend the meeting.

Before the agenda was taken up for consideration, the members stood in silence for two minutes in memory of Dr Y V Huprikar, Ex-Dean, College of Technology and Agricultural Engineering, Udaipur, who passed away on 27th November, 1995.

1. The Vice Chancellor extended a very cordial welcome to the members of the Board and mentioned that he was pleased to welcome Shri Narpal Singh Rajvi, MLA whose tenure has been extended by one more year. He informed that the other celebrities whose term has been extended are Shri Surendra Pal Singh, Progressive Farmer, Dr. R.P. Singh, Eminent Scientist and Dr. B.S. Yadav, noted agricultural scientist. The Vice Chancellor remarked that continued guidance from these senior members coupled with intellectual leadership of the new members: Dr. Fateh Karan, ADR & Chancellor's nominee, Dr. O.N. Kunzru (ICAR nominee), Dr. Mrs. P. Gupta, Dean, College of Home Science, Dr. S.S. Rathore, Dean, College of Agriculture, Bikaner, Dr. V.S. Kulhari, Professor of Extension, ARS, Durgapura, Dr. G.S. Sharma, Professor & Head, Plant Breeding, Rajasthan College of Agriculture, Udaipur, Dr. P.K. Pareek, Associate Professor, Obst. & Gynecology, College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Bikaner, Dr. L.K. Murdia, Assistant Professor, College of Dairy Science, Udaipur, and Shri B.L. Nawal, Registrar, RAU, would immensely upgrade the capacity of the Board to articulate the vital concerns of RAU and take valuable decisions for shaping the fortunes of the university in a spirit of cooperation and good will.

2. The Vice Chancellor appreciated the valuable contributions by the outgoing members: Dr. S.L. Mathur, Dr. A.N. Shukla, Dr. P.C. Gupta, Dr. R. P. Bhardwaj, Dr. P.C. Jain, Dr. S.K. Purohit, Dr. D.N. Ram, Dr. Mrs. P. Sundaram, and Shri B.D. Shandilya.

3. Recollecting that the last BOM meeting was held on 23rd May, 1995, he regretted the delay in convening this meeting and promised that in future the Board meetings would be held at more regular intervals.

4. The Vice Chancellor remarked that RAU has taken a great leap forward during the reporting period, May, 1995-March, 1996. A number of strategic initiatives undertaken enhanced capabilities of RAU to take on even more ambitious programmes in the unfolding future. He briefly reviewed the all round progress that RAU made during the reporting period. A gist of his review is as follows.

RESEARCH

A. Realizing the importance of pearl millet in Rajasthan (it is grown over 43.51 lac ha which is about 23.5% of the total cultivated area in the State) and the vast potential that can be tapped through RAU, the ICAR shifted Coordinating Unit of AICRP on pearl millet from Pune to Mandore (Jodhpur) with effect from July 15, 1995.

B. In view of the fact that Rajasthan has the largest area under arid legumes (moth bean and guar), the matter of shifting of the Coordinating Unit of AICRP on arid legumes from IARI, New Delhi to Beechwal, Bikaner is under active consideration of the ICAR.

C. In recognition to the acreage and production of seed spices in Rajasthan (the state contributes 50% of area and production of cumin; 40-50 % area and production of coriander and 80% of the total produce of fenugreek of our country), the Planning Commission and the ICAR have agreed to establish a National Research Centre on Seed Spices in Rajasthan. RAU has proposed Tabiji, Jobner and Jodhpur in order of preference for locating the proposed NRC.

D. RAU has submitted a proposal to the ICAR to shift Project Directorate on Water management from Rahuri (Maharashtra) to ARS, Kota (command area with black cotton soil). The proposal is under active consideration.

E. The AICRP Network Project, "Under utilized Plants" has been sanctioned for ARS, Mandore.

F. The AICRP on " Soil Test Crop Response Correlation " has been sanctioned for CRC, Beechwal, Bikaner.

G. Nine improved crop varieties developed /identified include Raj 3765 of wheat for late sown conditions, RD 2503 and RD 2508 of barley with good malting quality, RCr 20, RCr 435 and RCr 436 of coriander, RZ 209 of cumin, RF 101 of fennel and RTM 314 of taramira.

H. The University (Directorate of Research) hosted national level workshops, noteworthy among them are XIII National Group Meeting on AICRP on Spices, held on August 23-25, 1995 at ARS, Durgapura and VIII Group Workers Meet of AICRP on Arid Zone Fruits at RAU, Bikaner on January 4-6, 1996.

I. To meet the training needs of line implementing departments under the Agricultural Development Project, eight Zonal Training Centres have been sanctioned to RAU under the ADP with the proposed investment of approximate Rs. 5 crores.

J. Several new publications have been brought out by the Directorate of Research/ Directorate of Extension Education. Some noteworthy releases are: Directorate of Research- At a Glance, Date Palm Culture in Rajasthan, Guar (Clusterbean) Production and Processing Technology in Rajasthan, Research Highlights 1994, and KVKs - At A Glance.

EXTENSION

A. A project on Technological Assessment and Refinement through Institution Village Linkages has been sanctioned for KVK, Ajmer with an outlay of Rs. 23.40 lacs.

B. To harness the immense potential of Zone III-a comprising Jaipur, Ajmer and Tonk districts, the project on Establishment of Progeny Orchard-cum- Nursery has been sanctioned by the ICAR for KVK, Ajmer with Rs. 13 lacs as revolving fund.

BUILDING PROGRAMME

A. The Colleges of Agriculture and Home Science, Bikaner have shifted to their abodes.

B. KVK buildings at Navgaon, Dholpur, Nagaur, Sawaimadhopur, Bhilwara, Bundi and Chittor have been completed/ are nearing completion.

C. Foundation stones laid for the newly sanctioned buildings of KVKs at Anta(Kota) and Abusar(Jhunjhunu).

EDUCATION

The major achievements have been as under:

A. Strict adherence to the Academic Calendar.

B. Enforcement of attendance requirement- the Academic Council of RAU streamlined and tightened the attendance regulations in its meeting held on June 19-20, 1995. The enforcement improved the classroom attendance remarkably.

C. Postgraduate programmes started at College of Agriculture, Bikaner and College of Dairy Science, Udaipur.

D. Ph.D. programme started at College of Technology and Agricultural Engineering, Udaipur.

E. New branches viz., mechanical engineering, mining engineering and electrical engineering approved in principle for initiation from next academic session at College of Technology and Agricultural Engineering, Udaipur.

