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# **XXVII Virtual Meeting of the National Agricultural Education Accreditation Board**

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## **Agenda Notes**



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## **Agenda 1: Confirmation of the Proceedings of the XXVI Virtual NAEAB Meeting held on 17/09/2020**

Since there was no comment received from members, the Proceedings may be considered for approval.

## **Agenda 2: Accreditation to Agricultural Universities/Colleges**

### **2.1 ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa, New Delhi.**

A. PRT Chairman: Dr. Tej Pratap, VC, GBPUA&T, Pantnagar

B. PRT Visit- Online/ Physical

C. Peer Review Committee constituted for consideration for accreditation of IARI, its PG School, degree programmes made online physical verification of instructional facilities and other information contained in Self Study Report submitted by IARI, New Delhi. Based on the information in Self Study Report, assessment by PRT, score/grading prepared by the PRT, the following was recommended:

a. The list of degree programmes recommended for accreditation for a period of five years:

- M.Sc. (Ag.) in Agricultural Chemicals
- Ph.D in Agricultural Chemicals
- M.Sc. (Ag.) in Agricultural Economics
- Ph.D in Agricultural Economics
- M.Sc. (Ag.) in Agricultural Extension
- Ph.D in Agricultural Extension
- M.Sc. (Ag.) in Agricultural Physics
- Ph.D in Agricultural Physics
- M.Sc. (Ag.) in Agricultural Statistics
- Ph.D in Agricultural Statistics
- M.Sc. (Ag.) in Agronomy
- Ph.D in Agronomy
- M.Sc. (Ag.) in Biochemistry
- Ph.D in Biochemistry
- M.Sc. (Ag.) in Bioinformatics
- Ph.D in Bioinformatics
- M.Sc. (Ag.) in Computer Application
- Ph.D in Computer Application
- M.Sc. (Ag.) in Floriculture & Landscape Architecture
- Ph.D in Floriculture & Landscape Architecture
- M.Sc. (Ag.) in Fruit Science
- Ph.D in Fruit Science
- M.Sc. (Ag.) in Entomology

- Ph.D in Entomology
- M.Sc. (Ag.) in Genetics and Plant Breeding
- Ph.D in Genetics and Plant Breeding
- M.Sc. (Ag.) in Microbiology
- Ph.D in Microbiology
- M.Sc. (Ag.) in Molecular Biology and Biotechnology
- Ph.D in Molecular Biology and Biotechnology
- M.Sc. (Ag.) in Nematology
- Ph.D in Nematology
- M.Sc. (Ag.) in Plant Pathology
- Ph.D in Plant Pathology
- M.Sc. (Ag.) in Plant Physiology
- Ph.D in Plant Physiology
- M.Sc. (Ag.) in Seed Science and Technology
- Ph.D in Seed Science and Technology
- M.Sc. (Horti.) in Vegetable Science
- Ph.D in Vegetable Science

b.(i) Degree Programmes **not recommended** for accreditation as not matching with the nomenclature as per BSMA (ICAR)

S.No.	Discipline	Degree
1.	Agricultural Engineering (Soil and Water Conservation Engineering; Farm Power and Equipment; Agricultural Structures and Process Engineering*)	M.Tech. (SWCE) M.Tech. (FP&E) M.Tech. (AS&PE) Ph.D. in (SWCE) Ph.D. in (FP&E) Ph.D. in (AS&PE)
2.	Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry	M.Sc. (Ag.) Ph.D.

b.(ii) **Note for consideration of the Board:-**

The Academic Council in its 414<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 11.02.2021 approved the modification in the degree nomenclature in the following discipline/sub-discipline as per the observation of the Peer Review Team of NAEAB, ICAR for the accreditation of IARI, New Delhi:-

Existing Degree Nomenclature at IARI			Modified Degree Nomenclature (as per BSMA recommendation)
S.No.	Discipline	Sub- Discipline	
1.	Agricultural Engineering	1.Agricultural Engineering-Soil and Water Conservation 2.Agricultural Engineering-Farm Power and Equipment	1.Agricultural Engineering-Soil and Water Engineering 2.Agricultural Engineering-Farm Machinery & Power

		3.Agricultural Engineering- Agricultural Process and Structure	Engineering 3.Agricultural Engineering- Processing and Food Engineering
2.	Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry		Soil Science

The above decision shall be effective from the current academic session 2020-21.

### Submitted for the consideration of the Board.

- c. Degree Programmes **not recommended** as these are not listed in BSMA (ICAR), which is essential for accreditation as per guidelines:-

S.No.	Discipline	Degree
1.	Environmental Sciences	M.Sc. (Ag.) Ph.D.
2.	Post Harvest Technology (PHT; Horticultural Crops; Post Harvest Engineering and Technology)	M.Sc. (Ag.) PHT Hort Crop M.Tech. PH-Eng.Tech. Ph.D. in PHT Hort Crop Ph.D. in PH-Eng.Tech.
3.	Plant Genetic Resources	M.Sc. (Ag.) Ph.D.
4.	Water Science and Technology	M.Sc. (Ag.) Ph.D.

- d. Post Graduate School, IARI, New Delhi **was recommended for accreditation for a period of five years** from 16.03.2020 to 15.03.2025.
- e. IARI, New Delhi was recommended for accreditation for a period of **five years** with Grade **A** and overall **Score-3.43/4.00** from 16.03.2020 to 15.03.2025.

## 2.2. Agricultural Development Trust's College of Agriculture, Baramati

A. PRT Chairman: Dr. V.S.Tomar, Former VC, JNKVV, Jabalpur

B. PRT Visit- Online

C. Based on the Self Study Reports, online verification conducted by Peer Review Team (PRT), assessment report and subsequent calculation of grade point average, the PRT **recommended the accreditation of the following for a period of five years from 24.02.2021 to 23.02.2026.**

1. Degree program: B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture
2. Agricultural Development Trust's College of Agriculture, Baramati

### 2.3. Don Bosco College of Agriculture, Sulcorna, Quepem, Goa affiliated to Goa University, Goa

- A. PRT Chairman: Dr. Rajender Prasad, VC, UAS, Bangalore  
 B. PRT Visit-Online/ Physical

Based on the Self Study Reports, online/physical verification conducted by Peer Review Team (PRT), assessment report and subsequent calculation of grade point average, the PRT did not recommend the programme **B.Sc. (Hons) Agriculture** for accreditation as its Score was 2.17 which is less than 2.5.

### 2.4. Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi

- A. PRT Chairman: Dr. A.R.Pathak, Former VC, JAU, Junagadh  
 B. PRT Visit- Online

C. Considering Self Study Reports submitted by the RLBCAU, Jhansi for accreditation of its University/Colleges/Programme, further examinations/online-verification of information contained in Self Study Reports, assessment and Score Cards prepared by PRT following recommendations are made:

1. College of Agriculture, RLBCAU, Jhansi and its following programmes are recommended for accreditation for a period of five years from 24.02.2021 to 23.02.2026:

- (a) B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture
- (b) M.Sc. (Ag.) Genetics and Plant Breeding

2. College of Horticulture & Forestry and its following programmes are **not recommended** for accreditation

- (a) B.Sc. (Hons.) Forestry
- (b) B.Sc. (Hons.) Horticulture

3. The following programmes are **not eligible for accreditation**:

- (i) M.Sc. (Ag) Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry and (ii) M.Sc. (Ag) Entomology in the College of Agriculture
- (ii) M.Sc. (Hort.) Fruit Science, M.Sc. (Hort.) Vegetable Science and M.Sc. (Forestry) Silviculture and Agroforestry in the College of H&F.

4. Based on the score of both the colleges and score of the university, the overall grade point average for Agriculture University was 2.39, which is less than 2.5. Therefore **RLBCAU, Jhansi** was **not recommended** for accreditation.

### **Agenda 3: Appeal of Jagannath University, Jaipur:-**

The meetings of Appeal Committee of NAEAB were held under the Chairmanship of Dr. H. S. Gupt on 20 Jan 2021 and 5 Feb 2021.

Based on the discussions, the Committee submitted its recommendations as below:

After examining documents and discussion with Peer Review Team, University Officials and Accreditation Secretariat staff, Appeal Committee noted that the Jagannath University, Jaipur was unable to substantiate their claims with proper justification, especially with respect to faculty strength and other staff as claimed in Self Study Report. Poor facility in library was also noticed. Thus, the assessment of Peer Review Team based on Self Study Reports and verification together with interaction was found to be fair and reasonable. Further, the assessment of Peer Review Team was already agreed and signed by the university authority. Despite this finding, the Appeal Committee re-examined the score card in response to the assessment by the PRT and did not observe any convincing ground for changing the decision of the PRT.

Therefore, the appeal in the case is not sustainable. Hence, it may be disposed off.

Submitted to the Board for consideration

### **Agenda 4: Other Agenda**

#### **4.1 Consideration of Action Taken Report submitted by the Agricultural Universities /Colleges-**

Action Taken Report has been received from Director Education, **Agriculture University, Jodhpur** and its two constituent colleges- College of Agriculture, Mandor and College of Agriculture, Sumerpur. However it may be required to be submitted by the Registrar of the university.

As per XXIII meeting of NAEAB on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, point no. 2.6.2 Agriculture University, Jodhpur was approved for accreditation for a period of two years upto 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2021. After two years, university was asked to submit ATRs on Board's recommendations. Based on verifications of the ATRs, the university may be considered for further accreditation of next three years.

Action Taken Report on many points such as University Statutory Offices, Supporting Units, Consultancy Certification Testing, Recruitment and promotional avenues of Faculty and other staff, establishment of NCC units, Physical Facilities, Hostels, Financial delegation of HoDs need documentary verification.

The ATR may be placed before Mid-term Review Committee for verification. Meanwhile, the status of accreditation may be continued with same grade.

#### 4.2 MPKV, Rahuri-

Change of degree nomenclature from Ph.D. in Agricultural Microbiology to **Ph.D. in Agricultural Meteorology**.

As per PRT report and subsequent office order from the Board, Ph.D. in Agricultural Microbiology was approved for accreditation. However university has represented that College of Agriculture, Pune is not offering Ph.D. in Agricultural Microbiology, rather degree name is Ph.D. in Agricultural **Meteorology in place of** Ph.D. in Agricultural Microbiology.

**4.3 Midterm review:** Meeting of Midterm review committee has been convened and necessary action has been initiated.

**4.4. Formalization of GST:** The GST received along with accreditation fee is not being processed yet and it is pending with the IFD.

#### 4.5 Action Taken Report on the 251<sup>st</sup> GB Meeting:

a. Agenda related to XXVI meeting proceedings of NAEAB Board held on 17th September 2020: Compliance report has been submitted to GB.

b. Agenda related to waiving off ICAR accreditation for AIEEA admission: Based on the decision of GB, relevant provision has been communicated to the Examination Cell.

c. Agenda on Enhancement of accreditation fee and waiving off TA & Sitting Allowance: the decision of GB has been implemented with the approval of the DG, ICAR.

d. Agenda on Revolving Fund Scheme of accreditation: Board recommended for the Scheme of Revolving Fund however, in spite of the concerted efforts, the IFD, ICAR HQ has not yet consented for new revolving fund scheme.

As large number of application have been received through online portal, strengthening of secretariat in terms facilities and contractual staff in Secretariat and regional centres is needed for processing applications as per the timeline and monitoring of accredited universities.

5. Any other item with the permission of the chair.