

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Review of action taken report of 66th meeting of Extension Council.

Action taken report on the proceedings of the 66th Extension Council Meeting

1. Initiation of Farmers Day Celebration through Lecture series:

Farmers Day and Technology Day may be celebrated in a 2 day programme. Programme to be held at B. P. Pal Auditorium. Few recognised innovative farmers may be nominated every year for delivering the lecture. A small exhibition may be arranged to display products, processes and technologies of innovative farmers, farmers' groups like FPOs, FIGs/SHGs and farmwomen. Lecture notes (1-2 pages) in simple language may be published which may be distributed during the lecture series among the audience. Best practice/Good Agricultural Practices may be discussed – Video on farmers' innovation also to be developed for digital documentation and wider publicity.

Action Taken:

- Technology day was celebrated on 11th Sept, 2018 at conference hall, Prof. M.S. Swaminathan library, IARI. In this usable technologies and extension activities by different school coordinators viz. crop improvement, plant protection, basic sciences, horticulture sciences, NRM and Social sciences was discussed.
- On the occasion of foundation day celebration on 1st April, 2019 an interactive session with *Padma Awardees* farmers were also conducted to share their experiences for benefitting farming community.
- Farmers were mobilized for exhibition along with farm innovators meet in which agri incubatees and entrepreneurs participated at NASC complex in Foundation day celebration of ICAR on 16th July 2019.

2. Inauguration of IVRS facility at ATIC and Farmers Guest House Annexe at Farmers' Mall:

IVRS facility at ATIC and Farmers Guesthouse Annex at Farmers' Mall are to be inaugurated. A day may be scheduled for the inauguration. ATIC phone number should be displayed prominently. The list of experts for answering farmers' queries may be developed. Timings of ATIC may be prolonged.

Action Taken:

- IVRS call transfer facility at ATIC is running smoothly. The inauguration date and the Chief Guest will be decided shortly.
- ATIC phone numbers have been displayed prominently on IARI website and on ATIC display boards.
- The lists of experts for answering farmers' queries have been prepared in consultation with HODs.
- Pusa helpline timings have been extended up to 5.30 PM

3. Renaming CATAT

Core committee to be constituted to review existing mandate of CATAT. Technology forecasting may be included as one of the mandates. Senior experts may be consulted for this purpose.

Action Taken:

A committee constituted to review the existing mandate of CATAT. Committee gave the following suggestions for upgradation of mandate of CATAT

- More emphasis should be laid on climate resilient technologies, documentation and dissemination
- Leveraging agriculture for nutrition security
- Study of IFS models in different agro-climatic zones and their out-scaling
- Agri-business and entrepreneurship for doubling farmers' income
- Work on alternative farming system may also be included

4. Inclusion of ISHARA, a voluntary Organization in IARI VO Programme

The VO partners, who are presently involved in IARI-VO Partnership, but not performing well may be discontinued. Partnership with Voluntary Organizations in IARI-VO programme may be continued for ten years. ISHARA to be included as VO partner.

Action Taken:

- Voluntary Organization Indian Society for Human and Rural Advancement (ISHARA) included as one of the VO partner in IARI-VO programme.
- Some of VOs, which were not performing satisfactorily, have been discontinued.

5. Recognition of IARI Scientist engaged in Extension Outreach Activists

Guidelines to be developed and approved for recognition of IARI scientists involved in outreach extension interventions. The awards may be given in the Convocation.

Action Taken:

A committee was constituted for developing criteria for Recognizing IARI Scientists engaged in Extension Outreach Activities. Periodicity is proposed to be annual. Number of award – 1. Suggested name of Award is Outstanding IAR Extension Scientist Award. The following broad evaluation criteria were suggested.

- New extension models/concepts/methodologies developed and recognized at national level
- Large scale success stories (having impact across states) recognized at national level
- Development of Value Chain/Model Village/Seed Village/Custom Hiring Centres/Climate Smart Village/Nutri-Smart Village/Contract Farming Arrangement
- Policy Papers/Policy Briefs developed at National (ICAR/DARE) level/Mobilized farmers for group action (FIG/SHG/FPO/Growers Association)
- Organized CAFT/Summer/Winter School/Other training programmes of minimum 21 days' duration as Course Director
- Publications
- Awards

6. Inclusion of Comptroller as Member, Extension Council

Comptroller may be included as a member in Extension Council.

Action Taken:

- The Comptroller has been included in the Extension Council and invited to attend the same.

7. Shortage of Manpower at ATIC

Shortage of manpower at ATIC was discussed and it was decided to depute one Technical Officer (T6) preferably of Ag. Extension discipline to ATIC. It was also discussed that Dr. V. S. Solanki, Technical staff posted at ATIC is not regularly visiting KVK. It has been decided that Dr. V. S. Solanki should visit KVK, Shikohpur at least 3 days in a week or he may be transferred to KVK, Shikohpur.

Action Taken:

- Posting of Technical Officer (T6) (Agril. Extension) to ATIC is under process.
- Dr. V. S. Solanki is visiting KVK Shikohpur and has conducted capacity development activities in KVK

General Recommendations

Short video films on successful IARI technologies to be developed and uploaded in IARI Website/ You tube for wider publicity

Action Taken:

- The following films has been uploaded on IARI website (video gallery)
 - IARI Film – 2019
 - Eco Friendly Waste Water Treatment Facility
 - कृषि में नये आयाम - भा.कृ.अ.सं. क्षेत्रीय स्टेशन, शिमला

Hi-tech Agricultural Park to be developed in Delhi, funded by Delhi Government under RKVY Scheme.

Action Taken:

- The matter was discussed with the official of Hort. deptt, Govt of Delhi to submit the project on Hort. Technology Park under RKVY and it is under process to find out suitable place to develop project. The project shall be submitted by Delhi Govt with technical support from IARI.

Concerned Head of Divisions/ Professors should involve PG students for field experience through visit to MGMG locations. Each student should go twice in a year to the field (MGMG locations) along with the MGMG teams.

Action Taken:

- PG students of several Divisions including Divisions of Agricultural Engineering, Microbiology, Agricultural Extension, Fruits and Horticultural Technology, Agricultural Chemicals and Nematology are visiting MGMG village clusters. Some of the students have also identified researchable problems based on their exposure to MGMG locations.