



## **Meeting Proceedings**

### **Interface Meeting**

**On**

### **Mainstreaming of Agricultural Higher Education in Colleges/ Departments affiliated with Traditional Public Universities**

#### **Genesis:**

The genesis of this initiatives lies in the fact, while NAARM under NAHEP component-2 in joint collaboration with colleges under traditional public universities but with agricultural faculty organised several one-day training workshops on ‘Development of Soft and Entrepreneurial Skills among Agricultural Graduates’. The third of such and final one was held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at Gochar Mahavidyalaya, Rampur Maniharan, Saharanpur district, UP. Principals from several nearby colleges with agricultural faculty were part of this event. Dr. Satyendra Pal, Principal of RKPG College Shamli, and Dr. Naresh Malik, Principal of CCR PG College Muzaffarnagar and other principals informed that it is for the first time that ICAR with World Bank funded project NAHEP such national level initiative connecting rural students thought of these colleges. It is not only great honour to such colleges and rural community but also an opportunity to bring the strength and weaknesses with the ecosystem. Dr. S K Soam, CCPI, NAHEP Component 2, and Dr. Anuradha Agrawal, National Coordinator NAHEP were present during the discussion. Hence the idea emerged to discuss the mainstreaming of this agricultural education system at a larger platform.

Recognizing the urgent need for higher-level policy support and a collaborative framework, it was agreed to identify colleges with agricultural faculties for a high-level meeting with the DDG (Agri. Edu) in New Delhi, along with other senior ICAR officials, to strategize on mainstreaming agricultural faculty in such environment.

#### **Introduction:**

Mainstreaming faculty and students from colleges with agricultural programs is essential for enhancing their skills, bridging educational gaps, and ensuring equal opportunities. Given that most graduates from these colleges come from rural backgrounds and constitute a significant portion of the human resource pool for ICAR-SAUs, their integration into mainstream education becomes even more critical. Achieving this requires a multifaceted approach, including professional development programs, faculty and student exchange initiatives, research grants, and mentorship schemes. ICAR and NAHEP can play a pivotal role in this initiative by providing policy support and resources. They can offer opportunities for

innovation in academic and research efforts. Another aspect is facilitating partnerships between colleges and leading agricultural institutions. A high-level meeting of Principals/ Deans of the colleges with agricultural faculty with senior ICAR and NAHEP officials can significantly advance these goals. This meeting would initiate a comprehensive dialogue on the specific needs and challenges faced by these colleges. It may lead to the alignment of initiative and formulation of targeted strategies and academic and research contribution at state/regional/national level. By bringing together key stakeholders, the meeting can promote collaboration and secure commitments for necessary resources and support. Such discussions can lead to the development of a cohesive plan that leverages the strengths of both colleges and SAUs and ICAR research institutes.

### **Objectives:**

1. Assess the current competency levels of students and faculty in colleges with agricultural faculties, and identify areas needing improvement.
2. Develop strategies for integrating these colleges/ departments into the mainstream agricultural education system, ensuring equitable, comprehensive, and high-quality education.
3. Determine the scope and scale of resource allocation needed to enhance existing infrastructure and establish a framework for sustained collaboration.

### **Expected outcomes:**

1. Creating tailored initiatives to address the specific needs of colleges with agricultural faculties.
2. Establishing a platform for Principals of these colleges and senior ICAR officials to network and collaborate on efforts that benefit all participating institutions.
3. Developing a collaborative framework that includes regular assessments, updates and quality improvement.

This interface meeting served as a vital platform addressing skill and resource gaps and outline specific steps to enhance the quality of education for agri-graduates, preparing them to meet the demands of the agricultural higher education ecosystem. The collaborative efforts and commitment from ICAR, NAHEP, and the participating colleges are crucial for the successful implementation of the strategies identified during the meeting.

### **Deliberations and Discussion**

The agricultural higher education in the country started from pre-independence time through establishing agricultural faculty in colleges under public traditional universities, few such colleges are located in rural areas in UP and Uttarakhand. These colleges produce large number of students, who come primarily from lower middle-income group from hard core rural areas. Recognizing the importance of these colleges an interface meeting on ‘Mainstreaming of agricultural higher education in colleges/ departments affiliated with traditional public universities’ was conducted under NAHEP component-2 on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at ICAR committee hall, NAAS, NASC, New Delhi. The program schedule is enclosed at **annexure-I**.

There were around 40 participants from colleges side and ICAR/ NAHEP side. The principals of 10 colleges from 05 traditional universities in UP and Uttarakhand attended. **Dr RC Agrawal, DDG (Agril Education), ICAR, Chaired the meeting.** Besides NAHEP team, other notable attendees from ICAR were:

1. Dr Seema Jaggi, ADG, Education Division, ICAR, New Delhi
2. Dr Rajender Parsad, Director, IASRI, New Delhi
3. Dr Anuradha Agrawal, NC, NAHEP component-2 and Director, DKMA, New Delhi
4. Dr Sudeep, PI, NAHEP component-2, IASRI, New Delhi
5. Dr SK Soam, CCPI, NAHEP component-2, NAARM, Hyderabad
6. Dr NK Jain, NC, IDP, NAHEP, ICAR, New Delhi

The notable attendees from colleges were:

1. Dr Omkar Singh, Principal, Gochar Mahavidyalaya, Rampur Maniharan (Maa Shakumbhari University, Saharanpur)
2. Prof. R S Chauhan, Principal, RSM College, Dhampur (MJP Rohilkhand University, Bareilly)
3. Prof. Satyendra Pal, Principal, RK PG College, Shamli (Maa Shakumbhari University, Saharanpur)
4. Dr Vijay Garg, Principal, Kisan PG College, Simbhaoli
5. Dr Satish Kumar Sharma, Principal, CSSS PG College, Machhra (Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut).
6. Dr Shailendra Sharma, Dean, Department of Agriculture, CCS University, Meerut

The Professors as representatives of the college Principals:

1. CCR PG College, Muzaffarnagar - Dr Arun Kumar
2. JV PG College, Baraut - Dr G P Singh
3. Amar Singh College, Lakhavati - Dr Rajpal Singh
4. RMP PG College, Narsan (Sri Dev Suman Uttarakhand University, Tehri (Garhwal)) - Dr Sunil Kumar

In addition to the Principals, several HODs and Professors from these colleges also participated in deliberations. The participants list is enclosed at **annexure-II**.

Dr SK Soam, CCPI, NAHEP component-2, and Dr Anuradha Agrawal, NC, NAHEP component-2 visualised, conceptualised and implemented the action for strategic policy in partnership with GMV, Rampur Maniharan, this college has agricultural faculty and was established in pre-independence era. Dr Omkar Singh, Principal, GMV, Rampur Maniharan was the convener of the meeting. Shri Kumar Rajesh, Director, Administration, NAHEP, New Delhi and Dr Sudershan Mishra, Assistant Professor, Gochar Mahavidyalaya, Rampur Maniharan coordinated the meeting.

### **Main findings/ recommendations from the meeting:**

1. The house astonished to know that these colleges established pre-independence and produce around 12000 graduates and 3000 post graduates, several alumni are very high achievers.

2. These colleges cater to the needs of students from lower-middle income group in the rural areas and provide them opportunities of higher education.
3. The colleges have regulations from state government and UGC. But for agriculture they follow 5<sup>th</sup> Deans' Committee Report and fulfil other requirements of ICAR
4. About 80% of the students after UG goes to lower/ middle level government jobs of the state, therefore contribute to agricultural development in the state.
5. Such colleges at country level need to be identified and proposal to be mooted to affiliate their agricultural faculty with the nearby SAUs on pattern of Rajasthan.
6. Relevant policy decision required regarding collection of fees by KVKs for RAWE program of students of these colleges. KVK must not charge the fee for that.
7. Faculty quality at such colleges is very good, but they need to be strengthened through capacity building of them and also to provide ecosystem to utilize their talent with full efficiency. ICAR institutes can take them into loop to conduct training programs jointly with them at their campuses in support of various schemes such as SCSP etc.
8. The colleges can be strengthened for providing local rural services of high importance such as 'Soil Health Cards' etc.
9. The provisions of faculty and student exchange with the local SAUs will further strengthen the knowledge ecosystem.
10. MoUs can be done with ICAR research institutes to share the laboratory and field resources as partners in research and developmental projects.
11. The state bodies such as UP Council of Agricultural Research must support the agricultural faculty of these colleges.
12. NAHEP component-2 IT output such as Alumni portal, academic management system, eLearning etc can be shared with these colleges.









**WELCOME TO THE DELEGATES**

**INTERFACE MEETING**

on

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Date : 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2024

Venue : ICAR COMMITTEE  
HALL, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR,  
NASC COMPLEX









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*(Under NAHEP Component-2)*

**Date:** 27<sup>th</sup> August 2024 **Time:** 1100-1330 hrs

**Venue:** ICAR Committee Room, NAAS, NASC Complex, New Delhi

### **Program Schedule**

1100-1110 hrs	Welcome & Introduction	Dr SK Soam, CCPI, Component-2, NAARM, Hyderabad
1110- 1120 hrs	Flag the Issues: Presentation	Dr Omkar Singh, Principal, GMV, Rampur
1120- 1145 hrs	Discussion	College Principals/ Dean, Agri faculty
1145- 1215 hrs	Discussion	ADGs/ NCs/ Invitees
1215- 1225 hrs	Remarks	Dr Anuradha Agrawal, NC Component-2 / Director, DKMA, New Delhi
1225-1235 hrs	Remarks	Dr Rajender Parsad, Director, IASRI, New Delhi
1235- 1315 hrs	Words of Wisdom	Dr RC Agrawal, ND, NAHEP and DDG, Education, ICAR, New Delhi
1315- 1325 hrs	Vote of Thanks	Dr Sudeep, PI, Component-2, IASRI, New Delhi

**Network tea at 1030 hrs**

**Lunch 1330 hrs**



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