IN LAST THREE YEARS

AGRICULTURE HIGHER EDUCATION BUDGET INCREASED BY 47.4%

For development of Agriculture and to double the income of farmers, the Government of India is taking many unique steps through education and research. In the last three years, the Central Government has paid special attention to the Department of Agricultural Research and Education and increased budget allocation for higher agricultural education by 47.4 percent.

162 new experiential learning units, 9 new Centres of Advanced Faculty Training were opened in agricultural universities. In addition to this, the Central Government gave accreditation to 60 state agricultural universities during this period.

Rajendra Agricultural University has been upgraded to Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University. At the same time, four new colleges were opened under Rani Lakshmibai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi and six new colleges were started under Central Agricultural University, Imphal thereby increasing the number of colleges to 13.

Indian Agricultural Research

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Institute in Jharkhand and Assam, National Research Center on Integrated Agriculture in Bihar and National Organic Farming Research Institute in Sikkim were set up.

FELLOWSHIP EXTENSION FOR THE RESEARCHER

In order to promote research, the central government increased fellowship to researchers from Rs 12,000 per month to Rs 15, 000 per month in the first two years. After this, fellowship increases to Rs 17,500 rupees per month from the 3rd year. The remuneration for Research Associate has been increased to Rs 40,000 per month from the previous amount of Rs 25,000 per month.

The number of honorary scientists has also been increased from 50 to 100 and their remuneration increased from Rs 25,000 to Rs 50,000. Scholarship amount for National talent research scholarship for graduate students has also been doubled.

With the aim of educating maximum number of youths, 100 training centers have been identified across the country to train farmers under the Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Advanced Agricultural Education Scheme.