

Govt clears three-year action plan (17-20) for agricultural education

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The Cabinet on Wednesday approved the continuation of the Three Year Action Plan (2017-2020) of the scheme for Agricultural Education Division and ICAR Institutes with an outlay of ₹2225.46 crore for strengthening and developing higher agricultural education in India.

The fund will be used for strengthening agri-education being imparted by various institutes under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM), Central Institute of Women in Agriculture (CIWA), including All India Coordinated Research Project on Home Science (AICRP-HS).

“The Cabinet has approved the continuation of the Three Year Action Plan (2017-2020) of the scheme for Agricultural Education Division and ICAR Institutes with an outlay of ₹2,225.46 crore,” Interim Finance Minister Piyush Goyal said after the meeting.

In a statement, the government said the purpose of the scheme was to generate

quality human resources besides taking initiatives to attract talented students, address faculty shortage, international ranking, alumni involvement, promoting innovations, reduce inbreeding, academia interface, and technology enabled learning, among others. The scheme was also aimed at modernisation of infrastructure and capacity building of both faculty and students in cutting edge areas through niche area.

The ICAR undertakes planning, development, coordination and quality assurance in higher agricultural education through partnership with 75 Agricultural Universities established across the country.

The human resource developed by agri-varsities has played a pivotal role in transforming agricultural scenario to achieve self-sufficiency.

NAARM (National Academy of Agricultural Research Management) has played a key role in enhancing the capacities of individuals and institutions of National Agricultural Research and Education System (NARES) in agricultural research, education and technology management.