

ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION PLATFORM (NAEP)
To be promoted under the Aegis of the Agricultural Extension Division of Indian
Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)

A MEETING HELD ON 17th JUNE, 2026 AT EXTENSION DIVISION, KAB-I

The following were present

TAAS

1. Dr RS Paroda, Chairman, TAAS and Former Secretary DARE & DG, ICAR
2. Dr Bhag Mal, Secretary, TAAS

ICAR/IARI

3. Dr Rajbir Singh, DDG, Ag. Extension, ICAR
4. Dr RR Burman, ADG, Ag. Extension, ICAR
5. Dr RN Padaria, Joint Director, Extension, IARI
6. Dr N V Kumbhare, Incharge, ATIC & Principal Scientist, IARI

AEPSA

7. Dr VV Sadamate, Chief Coordinator, AEPSA
8. Mr Svatanttra Dubey, Technical Associate, AEPSA

The Meeting deliberated on the progress of establishment of Agricultural Extension Platform for South Asia (AEPSA) and observed that the required funding support from the partner countries for its full scale operations is not coming forth. Further, because of current Geo-political situation and global energy crisis, the resource position in support of such regional initiatives may not improve in immediate future. Hence, it is proposed to first establish as a National Platform to be promoted under the aegis of Agricultural Extension Division of ICAR. So it was proposed and unanimously agreed to initiate National Agricultural Extension Platform (NAEP).

After the detailed deliberations the following decisions were arrived at:

1. NAEP will be established as a National Platform primarily supported by the ICAR and its front line extension network. Though the platform is termed as “National”, however, it is open for overseas partnerships (programs & membership).
2. The resources for NAEP programs and activities may be mobilized through GO/NGO/Private/Corporate & Individual membership categories. The proposed categories and membership fee structure is attached.
3. The proposed list of office bearers is attached.
4. The NAEP will focus on: (i) Scaling frontline extension systems model, (ii) Extension partnerships and Collaborative projects, (iii) Organizing national/international conferences/seminars on thematic topics, (iv) Coordinating and mainstreaming extension output of the professional extension societies, forums, chapters, etc. (v) Initiating a quarterly periodical to highlight the activities of NAEP and later on it can be a national journal named Indian Journal of Extension and Entrepreneurship.

5. The registration of the NAEP may be taken up on the priority to be completed in a month.
6. The desirous person will include those who attended this meeting and required additional ones who have provided the necessary documents. Signatures of all concerned may be obtained early in support of the resolution. Draft resolution may be attempted immediately in consultation with the CA. The MoA & RRs may be modified accordingly.
7. Immediately after registration the bank account should be opened and funds under the head 'AEPSA' transferred from TAAS to NAEP account.
8. The NAEP brochure may be brought out urgently, also using some important information from AEPSA brochure.
9. The office room allotment letter and deed agreement may be revised based on the minutes of this meeting and provided to the CA for registration purpose (ref. CSR/DARPAN Registration).
10. The fund mobilization may be targeted to generate substantial corpus to support the Platform.
11. The present website may be re-named suitably and the posts may be updated covering innovations in the front line and related extension systems. Social media links may be provided accordingly
12. The payment to the core staff may be considered as deemed appropriate.
13. Follow-up ICRISAT-NABARD proposal on Digital Extension and CIRDAP proposal on Extension HRD to be continued.
14. Need based furnishing of The NAEP office (Furnishing, computer system, printer, internet connectivity, crockery, etc.) to be done on priority.
15. The present Advisory Committee may continue to guide the NAEP, with suitable revisions, if need be.
16. Members enrolled for AEPSA will be treated as members of NAEP in the corresponding category.
17. Technical, programmatic & collaborative assurances & commitments under AEPSA may be honoured to the extent possible, depending upon the resources.

The meeting ended with the formal vote of thanks by Dr R N Padaria.