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The Vice Chancellor
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Subject: Validation and integration of Indigenous Technical Knowledge and practices in formal research - Regarding

Sir,

It is with reference to letter of DDG (Agril Extension), ICAR, New Delhi where the Office of Hon'ble Agriculture Minister, Govt of India has desired that indigenous technical knowledge (ITK) and practices should be collected, compiled, validated and integrated in formal research. Farmers have treasure of indigenous technical knowledge and traditional practices existing in the villages since long. Earlier, focus was given on documentation of indigenous knowledge/farmers' wisdom and also taken several research projects at SAUs and ICAR institutes level. For sustainable agriculture, blending of ITK with modern science is needed.

In this context, you are kindly requested to guide the KVKs in your area jurisdiction, teaching and research departments to initiate documentation, validation and integration of indigenous technical knowledge and traditional practices in formal research.

Thanking you,

Yours Faithfully,

(Lakhan Singh)

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