

**LIV (54th) MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY
(BOARD OF GOVERNORS)**

OF

**PANDIT JAWAHARLAL NEHRU COLLEGE OF
AGRICULTURE (KARAIKAL) SOCIETY**

Date: 23.02.2026

Time: 11.00 A.M.

AGENDA NOTES

**PANDIT JAWAHARLAL NEHRU COLLEGE OF
AGRICULTURE AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE,
KARAIKAL – 609603.**

**(A Government of Puducherry Institution affiliated to
Pondicherry University, Puducherry)**

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Agenda 2: To review the action taken on the minutes of the previous meeting(s) of the Governing Body

Action taken report

Item no.	Agenda	Decision	Action taken
Agenda 3 of LIII GB	To consider and approve to change the name of this institute as "Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru College of Agriculture and Research Institute (Karaikal) society	Approved	Under Progress
Agenda 4 of LIII GB	To consider and approve to carryout renovation work in the toilets of boys and girls hostels	Approved	Work will be carried out after receiving funds from the ensuing budget allocation.
Agenda 5 of LIII GB	To consider and approve the enhanced travel assistance for All India Study Tour and enhanced financial assistance for RAW/RHWE for final year undergraduate students	Approved	Stipend dispersed to the students of 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 batch admitted students from GIA. File submitted for release of Stipend for 2022-23 batch students from GIA.
Agenda 6 of LII GB	To consider and approve the utilization of one-time admission fee collected at the time of UG, PG and Ph.D., admissions other than the purpose for which collected	Approved	Adopted
Agenda 7 of LIII GB	To consider and approve the proposal to absorb remaining 19 FTCLRs of the existing approval list against the present vacant position	Approved	Under progress

Item no.	Agenda	Decision	Action taken
Agenda 8 of LIII GB	To consider and approve the proposal to amend recruitment rules pertaining to non-teaching posts of this institution	Approved	Under progress
Agenda 9 of LIII GB	To consider and ratify the revised pay scale to the Work Assistants at Rs.5000-150-8000 in lieu of Rs.4000-100-6000	Ratified	No action required
Agenda 10 of LIII GB	To consider and approve the absorption of one Technical Assistant and one Field / Lab Assistant to Seed Technology unit of Plant Breeding and Genetics under the scheme of Seed Technology (STR) of AICRP on seed (crops) of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)	The Governing Body directed to continue with the same RR and advised to give weightage to experience in the sector/ institution(s) in the selection process. The Governing Body also approved the proposal of allowing the presently working contract employees in Seed Technology (STR) of AICRP on Seed (Crops) of Indian Council Of Agricultural Research (ICAR), PAJANCOA &RI to apply and participate in the open-recruitment process, irrespective of their age, in case they were within the upper age limit on the date of their initial engagement as such.	Under progress
Agenda 11 of LIII GB	To consider and approve the proposal for conducting the trainings on cost basis to the unemployed youths, NGO'S and SHG members in "Mushroom Cultivation Techniques and Value Addition"	Approved	Adopted

Item no.	Agenda	Decision	Action taken
Agenda 12 of LIII GB	To consider and approve special provision for educational and research institutes conducting PG/Doctoral level courses or research	Deferred	No action required
Agenda 13 of LIII GB	Proposal to fill up the existing Assistant Professor vacant positions in various subjects and modification of the existing recruitment rules for Assistant Professor in PAJANCOA & RI	Approved	In progress. RR yet to be finalised by the government
Agenda 14 of LIII GB	To consider and ratify the B.E for the year 2023- 24	Ratified	No action required
Agenda 15 of LIII GB	Approval of audit for the years 2020-21, 2021-22 & 2022-23	Approved	No action required
Agenda 16 of LIII GB	To consider and approve the implementation of pension scheme in PAJANCOA & RI	Governing Body considered and recommended the proposal to implement NPS in PAJANCOA and directed the Dean to give a detailed report outlining financial implications to the Finance Secretary	File submitted to the government
Agenda 17 of LIII GB	Proposal to start Ph.D. programme in Agricultural Entomology, Post Graduate degree programme in Seed Technology, Agricultural Extension, Crop Physiology, Agricultural Microbiology	Approved	Proposal submitted to the government for getting NOC

Agenda 3: To ratify the extension of Dr. A. Pouchepparadjou as Dean, PAJANCOA & RI for a period of six months from 24.12.2024 to 23.06.2025

This proposal is submitted to ratify the extension of tenure of Dr. A. Pouchepparadjou, Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension, as Dean of PAJANCOA & RI, Karaikal, for a period of six months from 24.12.2024 to 23.06.2025.

The circulation agenda of the Governing Body has recommended a one-year extension of tenure as Dean for Dr. A. Pouchepparadjou, from 24.12.2024 to 23.12.2025. However, the

Honourable Lieutenant Governor accorded permission for an extension of six months period only. Accordingly, the tenure of the Dean was extended from 24.12.2024 to 23.06.2025.

Hence, this proposal is submitted for ratification by the Governing body.

Agenda 4: To ratify the appointment of Dr. R. Sankar as Dean in-charge of PAJANCOA&RI

This proposal is submitted to ratify the appointment of Dr. R. Sankar, Professor, Department of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry, PAJANCOA & RI, Karaikal, as Dean in-charge with effect from 24.06.2025.

Dr. R. Sankar, Professor (SS&AC), PAJANCOA & RI has been entrusted with additional charges as Dean of PAJANCOA & RI, following the completion of the three-year tenure and six-month extension period of Dr. A. Pouchepparadjou, Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension, PAJANCOA & RI, Karaikal.

Hence, this proposal is submitted for ratification by the Governing body.

Agenda 5: To ratify the conversion of the two posts of Assistant Professor one each in Physical Education (Lady) and English into Horticulture discipline

The 53rd GB approved to fill up 26 Assistant Professors posts in various disciplines by getting approval from the government. Accordingly a note file was submitted for approval of the government.

Among the 26 posts, two posts were created one each for the subjects Physical Education (Lady) and English. Horticulture is major department offering courses for UG degree programmes in Agriculture and Horticulture as well as PG and Ph.D. degree programmes. Currently, the sanctioned strength of this department is 7 which includes 1 Professor, 2 Associate Professors and 4 Assistant Professors. Further, strengthening the Horticulture Department is essential for the below reasons.

i. The Model Act of Higher Educational Institutions in India (Revised 2023) by the ICAR insists that the total staff strength for B.Sc. (Hons) Horticulture degree programme is 27. Out of total 27, staff required exclusively for Horticultural subjects is 14 (Fruit Science, Floriculture and Landscape Architecture, Vegetable science, Post-Harvest Technology).

ii. Whereas, the existing 7 posts were created only for handling B.Sc. (Hons) Agriculture degree programme, PG programme in Vegetable Sciences and to look after the horticultural farms.

iii. Whereas, no new Assistant Professor post was created since starting of new degree programme in B.Sc. (Hons) Horticulture.

iv. Hence, the additional two posts are highly essential to strengthen the department of Horticulture from the existing 7 staff to 9, by converting the said 2 posts.

Accordingly, a note file was submitted and approved by the Chief Secretary cum Chairman for the conversion of two posts of Asst. Professors one each in Physical Education (Lady) and English to Horticulture subject.

Hence, the proposal for ratification of the conversion of two posts of Asst. Professors one each in Physical Education (Lady) and English to Horticulture subject is submitted.

Agenda 6: To ratify the engagement of a private catering system for the PAJANCOA hostel mess

It is submitted that the PAJANCOA Students' Hostel mess, previously managed by the students themselves, experienced a suspected food poisoning incident among the hostel inmates during November 2023. A special Committee was constituted by the then District Collector of Karaikal, Mr. A. Kulothungan, I.A.S., to investigate the matter and recommend remedial measures. The Committee conducted confidential enquiries among the students and submitted its report.

Subsequently, based on the inspection by the food cell and recommendations from the Heads of Departments meeting, the Warden team undertook a comprehensive study of the existing hostel mess systems in various educational institutions in Puducherry and Karaikal, including Pondicherry University, Pondicherry Technological University, Indira Gandhi Medical College and Research Institute and the National Institute of Technology. The study revealed that all Government institutions in Puducherry and Karaikal have adopted professional private catering systems for hostel mess operations.

Based on these observations, a detailed note was submitted to the Chief Secretary-cum-Chairman, PAJANCOA & RI, seeking approval to introduce a private catering system in the PAJANCOA hostels. In the interim, quotations were invited from private caterers to operate the PAJANCOA hostel mess. The proposal was subsequently placed before the Students' Welfare Committee (SWC) meeting held on 10 June 2024, wherein the implementation of a private catering system was discussed and approved. The Chief Secretary-cum-Chairman, PAJANCOA & RI, accorded approval on 20.09.2024 for engaging a private caterer, taking reference from the successful model followed at RIVER, Puducherry. Following the approval, the lowest quotation of Rs. 3,800 per month per head submitted by Sri Appaswamy Catering Service, Puducherry, was finalized and the sanction order was issued on 20.09.2024 for a period of three years.

Hence, the proposal for ratification of the engagement of a private catering system for the PAJANCOA hostel mess is submitted to the Governing Body.

Agenda 7: To ratify the collection of advance hostel charges and mess fees from the hostel inmates of PAJANCOA & RI

It is submitted that, as followed in most Government institutions in the Union territory of Puducherry, an amount of Rs. 9,000/- per inmate per year for sharing occupancy and Rs. 10,800/- per inmate per year for single occupancy towards hostel room rent and wages of hostel workers is being collected from the hostel inmates.

Similarly, the hostel mess fee is being collected in advance for 6 months during odd semester and for 5 months during the even semester from those inmates who are dining for the entire academic year, as agreed with the existing Private caterer.

Hence, the proposal for ratification of the advance collection of hostel charges and mess fees from the hostel inmates is submitted to the Governing Body.

Agenda 8: To consider and ratify the Budget estimate for the financial year 2024-25

An amount of Rs. 24,63,66,000/- has been allotted in the Budget Estimate for the Financial Year 2024-25 under GIA Salaries to PAJANCOA&RI, Karaikal. The Governing Body is requested to ratify the funds allotted to PAJANCOA&RI in the BE for the financial year 2024-25.

Agenda 9: Approval of Audit of PAJANCOA&RI, Karaikal for the year 2023-24

The Statutory audit of this Institute for the year 2023-24 had been carried out and placed for approval.

Agenda 10: To consider and approve the direct recruitment of one Assistant Seed Research Officer / Scientist (equivalent to Assistant Professor in SAUs) with approved 7th CPC scale of Pay of Rs. 57700-182400 (Level 10) under Seed Technology Research (STR) of AICRP on Seed (Crops) of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in the Department of Plant Breeding & Genetics.

A Seed Technology Research (STR) Centre, with a budget of Rs. 62.14 Lakhs for five-year period was sanctioned to this Institute under the National Seed Project (Crops) of ICAR – Directorate of Seed Research, Mau, during the year 2015-16 to undertake Nation-wide network research projects on seeds encompassing the seed related problems encountered by the farmers of Puducherry (UT). The sanction of the STR Centre was also brought to the information of the

Board of Governors of PAJANCOA (Karaikal) Society *vide* Agenda item No. 6 of 43rd Governing Body meeting held on 23.02.2015.

In this regard, the sanction of one Assistant Seed Research Officer / Scientist (equivalent to Assistant Professor in SAUs) in Seed Technology with scale of pay of Rs. 57,700-1,82,400 in addition to the earlier sanction of each one Technical Assistant and Lab / Field Assistant under Seed Technology Research (STR) Unit of AICRP on Seed (Crops) of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has been communicated to PAJANCOA & RI, Karaikal by the ICAR-Indian Institute of Seed Science *vide* F. No. IISS/DIR/2024/12-511 dt. 19.12.2024 (copy enclosed). Consequently, a sum of Rs.202.45 Lakhs has been released by the ICAR-NISST, Mau, during the last five years from 2021-26 under Seed Technology Research and Quality Seed production components of AICRP on Seed (Crops). The incumbent and post shall stand terminated on expiry of the scheme of ICAR (co-terminus).

The sanctioned STR centre is a Permanent Regular Centre to this Institute by the ICAR and is considered prestigious to be one among the Institutes engaged in the Seed Technology Research at National Level.

As per the norms of the STR Centre sanctioned by the ICAR, funds for the non-recurring and recurring including pay and allowances will be 75% and the rest of the 25% shall be met out by the Institute as has been followed in all the State Agricultural Universities across the country. The details of funds received from ICAR (75% share) under AICRP on Seed (Crops) for the past five years are given below:

Funds received during the plan period 2021-22 to 2025-26 under AICRP on Seed (Crops)

Particulars	AICRP on Seed (Crops)	
	Seed Technology Research	Quality seed production
GIA-Salary	59.00	-
GIA-General	54.55	60.90
GIA-Capital	16.00	-
TSP/SCSP	-	12.00
Total	129.55	72.90
Grand Total	202.45	

The draft Recruitment Rule for the recruitment of Assistant Professor in Seed Science and Technology under the AICRP on Seed (Crops) of ICAR is placed overleaf for kind perusal.

Draft Recruitment Rule for the recruitment of Assistant Professor in Seed Science and Technology under the AICRP on Seed (Crops) of ICAR

Sl. No.	Criteria	
1	Name of the post	Assistant Professor under the AICRP on Seed (Crops) of ICAR
2	Tenure	Till expiry of the scheme
3	Number of posts	One (1)
4	Classification	Group – A Non-Ministerial
5	Scale of Pay	Level 10 entry pay of Rs.57700-182400
6	Whether Selection Post or Non-Selection Post	Not applicable
7	Age limit for direct recruits	Not exceeding 35 years
8	Whether benefit of added years of service admissible under rule 30 of the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972	Not applicable
9	Educational and other qualifications required for direct recruits	B.Sc. (Ag.) /B.Sc. (Hort.) and not less than 4 years duration and Master's degree in Seed Technology /Seed Science & Technology Essential A Pass in National Eligibility Test (NET) conducted by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research is essential in Agricultural / Horticultural degree programmes. NET is exempted as per UGC 2009 guidelines for Ph.D. holders Desirable Ph.D. in the relevant subject
10	Whether age and educational qualifications required for direct recruits will apply in case of promotees	Not applicable
11	Period of probation, if any	Two years
12	Method of recruitment whether by direct recruitment or by promotion or by deputation/absorption and percentage of the vacancies to be filled by various methods	Direct Recruitment
13	In case of recruitment by promotion/deputation/absorption, grades from which promotion/deputation/absorption is to be made	Not applicable
14	If a Selection Committee exists, what is its composition?	Staff selection committee of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru College of Agriculture and Research Institute, Karaikal as approved by the Governing Body

Sl. No.	Criteria			
		1	Chairman of the PAJANCOA (Karaikal) Society Governing Body	Chairman
		2	Secretary (Agriculture), Government of Puducherry	Member
		3	One nominee of the Vice-Chancellor of the Pondicherry University to which PAJANCOA & RI is affiliated of whom one nominee should be a subject expert	Member
		4	One subject expert not connected with the college to be nominated by the Chairman of the PAJANCOA (Karaikal) Society Governing Body out of a panel of five members recommended by the Vice-Chancellor of the University	Member
		5	Head of the Department of the concerned subject in the PAJANCOA & RI, Karaikal	Member
		6	An academician representing SC/ST/OBC/Minority/Women/Differently-abled categories if any of the candidates representing these categories is the applicant, to be nominated by the University, if any of the above members of the Selection Committee do not belong to that category.	Member
		7	Dean of the college	Member Secretary
15	Remarks	Nil		

The Governing Body is therefore requested to consider and approve the filling up of one Assistant Professor in Seed Science and Technology with scale of pay of Rs.57,700-1,82,400 (Level 10) under AICRP on Seed (Crops) of Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

Agenda 11: To consider and approve the proposal for establishment of a vermicomposting unit at PAJANCOA & RI

This proposal is submitted for the establishment of a vermicomposting unit at PAJANCOA & RI to handle the vermicompost production technology course and to provide training to farmers, Self-Help Groups (SHGs), and other stakeholders.

The proposed vermicomposting unit will consist of four vermicompost beds, each measuring 10' × 4' × 2', constructed under an open shed with overall dimensions of 30 × 15 m².

The shed will be designed with brick-lined bed bottoms and platforms, supported by RCC/MS pipe posts and trusses, and covered with thatch/HDPE sheets/locally available roofing materials. The total estimated cost of the project is Rs. 26,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Six Lakhs only). This includes Rs. 2.00 lakhs for the construction of four vermicompost beds, approximately Rs. 23.00 lakhs for flooring and roofing of the shed, and Rs. 1.00 lakh for the electrical works and colour washing of the open shed.

The proposed vermicomposting unit will serve as a training facility for students, SHG members, and farmers. In addition to its training functions, the unit will also offer significant potential for income generation.

Hence, the Governing body is requested to approve the proposal to establish the vermicomposting unit in PAJANCOA & RI.

Agenda 12: To consider and accord approval for strengthening the infrastructural facilities for mushroom cultivation and value addition in the mushroom mother spawn production unit of the Department of Plant Pathology

The Department of Plant Pathology offers an Experiential Learning Programme / Skill Enhancement Course on “Mushroom Cultivation Technology” for undergraduate students. In addition, the Department conducts three categories of paid training programmes, namely (a) One-day training on “Oyster Milky mushroom cultivation” at ₹500 + GST, (b) Three-day training on “Spawn production techniques” at ₹5,000 + GST and (c) Five-day training programme on “Spawn production and mushroom cultivation” at ₹10,000 + GST.

To meet the academic requirements prescribed in the curriculum and syllabus of the Experiential Learning Programme / Skill Enhancement Course on “Mushroom Cultivation Technology”, and to conduct the above training programmes in a systematic and effective manner, it is proposed to strengthen essential infrastructural facilities that are presently lacking in the mushroom unit.

The total financial outlay required for strengthening the infrastructural facilities for mushroom cultivation and value addition in the mushroom mother spawn production unit is Rs. 25,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Five Lakhs only). The detailed cost estimate under various head is furnished overleaf.

S. No.	Description	Financial Assistance	Justification
2.	Creation of Poly house facilities (30 ft x 20 ft)	Rs. 3.00 lakhs	➤ To conduct pot culture trials, mass multiplication of Azolla, Blue Green Algae, and Arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi, along with crop protection experiments to cater the academic requirements as per the curricula and syllabi.
Total:		Rs. 13.00 lakhs (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs only)	

Hence, the Governing body is requested to approve the proposal for the procurement of a pilot-scale fermenter (50-litre capacity) and the creation of polyhouse facility for bio-inoculant production in the Agricultural Microbiology unit of Department of Plant Pathology, PAJANCOA & RI, Karaikal.

Agenda 15: To consider and accord approval for the revision of the pay scale of ₹5500-175-9000 for the Junior Engineers of PAJANCOA & RI, on par with those of the Puducherry PWD, with retrospective effect from 09.08.1999 and prospective monetary benefit from 16.04.2007

This agenda is placed seeking approval of the Governing Body to implement the revised pay scale to the Junior Engineers of this Institute from ₹5000-150-8000 to ₹5500-175-9000 with effect from 09.08.1999, in accordance with the orders issued by the Government of Puducherry for PWD Junior Engineers vide G. O Ms. No. 30, Pondicherry, dt. 19.07.2006

The Recruitment Rules (RR) and pay structures for the post of Junior Engineer at PAJANCOA&RI are traditionally framed on par with the standards and norms followed by the Public Works Department (PWD), Government of Puducherry. Any revision in pay scales or service conditions implemented in the Puducherry PWD has been adopted for the Junior Engineers of this Institution also.

The Government of Puducherry, vide G.O. Ms. No. 30 dt. 19.07.2006 had upgraded the pay scale of Junior Engineers in the PWD from ₹5000-150-8000 to ₹5500-175-9000 with retrospective effect from 09.08.1999. However, the Governing Body of PAJANCOA&RI, in its 37th meeting held on 16.04.2007 (vide Agenda item No. 15), approved the implementation of this revised pay scale only on a prospective basis i.e., from 16.04.2007.

In view of the above, the Governing Body is requested to consider the implementation of the pay scale of ₹5500-175-9000 for the Junior Engineers of this institution, with retrospective fixation from 09.08.1999 and monetary benefits to be effected prospectively from 16.04.2007, as per the decision of the 37th Governing Body.

Agenda 16: To consider and approve the proposal for the implementation of the revised pay scale of Rs. 4,000-100-6,000 for the post of Electrician

The pay scale of Electricians in the Department of Electricity was upgraded to Rs. 4000 – 100 – 6000 (pre-revised) with effect from 1996. This scale was subsequently extended to the Electricians in the Local Administration Department vide G.O. Ms. No.03/LAS/2007, dated 05.04.2007.

Thiru. S. Asokan, Electrician, serving in this institution in the pay scale of Rs. 3050-75-3950-80-4590, has requested that the revised pay scale of Rs. 4000 – 100- 6000 be implemented for his post. The educational and technical qualifications for the Electricians in the Public Works Department and Local Administration Departments are identical, and the pay scale has already been upgraded for similarly placed employees in various Government Departments of Puducherry. Since, Thiru S. Asokan, Electrician, serving in this Institution also has similar educational and technical qualifications, the request merits consideration.

The Governing body is requested to consider and approve the revision of the pay scale of the post of Electrician to Rs. 4000 – 100 – 6000, with effect from 01.01.1996 and to grant monetary benefits from the date of approval of the Governing Body.

Agenda 17: To consider and accord approval for the grant of gratuity to the FTCLRs, who were relieved from service upon attaining the age of sixty years

Since the inception of this institution, daily rated casual labourers have been engaged for farm-related works and are eligible for gratuity under Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972. The below mentioned FTCLRs have approached the Labour Conciliation Officer – cum – Controlling Authority, Karaikal for the payment of gratuity for the service rendered in this institution under Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972. The competent authority has accordingly ordered the payment of gratuity under the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972.

Sl. No.	Name of the beneficiaries	Amount of Gratuity (Rs.)
1	K. Boopathy	3,35,400.00
2	G. Arokiaselvi	3,10,500.00
3	V. Ramakrishnan	4,09,770.00
4	G. Thiagarajan	3,22,920.00
5	S. Anthonimarie	3,67,920.00
6	S. Vijayakumari	2,73,780.00
Total (Rs.)		20,20,290.00

In this regard, the proposal was submitted to the Government of Puducherry vide file No.3936 (2)/PJN/FTCLR/Gratuity/2025, dated 19.11.2025. The Administrative Secretariat has approved the proposal for payment of gratuity to six numbers of FTCLRs as ordered by the Labour Conciliation Officer – cum – Controlling Authority under the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972. The payment has been released to the respective labourers.

Hence, the Governing body is requested to ratify the payment already released.

Furthermore, the remaining 18 discharged FTCLRs are also eligible for gratuity on the same analogy. The details of the discharged FTCLRs and proposed payment are furnished below:

Sl. No.	Name of the FTCLRs	Amount of Gratuity to be paid (Rs.)
1	Lourdumarie. M	1,42,230.00
2	Coumaragourou. M	3,80,520.00
3	Savithri. P	3,45,060.00
4	Thamilselvi. V	1,12,860.00
5	Shanmugam. K	2,11,860.00
6	Kalyani. S	3,35,340.00
7	Sivanantham. M	2,63,250.00
8	Pugalendhi. J	2,11,860.00
9	Mariamamickam. S	2,10,600.00
10	Anjalai. A	4,07,340.00
11	Boopathy. S	3,81,060.00
12	P. Balsubramanian	3,81,060.00
13	S. Dhanalakshmi	3,67,920.00
14	T. Raman	3,67,920.00
15	P. Girijarani	3,78,000.00
16	M. Saroja	3,67,920.00
17	N. Kaveri	3,67,920.00
18	V. Emila	2,89,080.00
Total (Rs.)		55,21,800.00

Hence, the Governing Body is requested to approve the proposal for the release of Gratuity amounting to **Rs. 55,21,800/- (Rupees Fifty-five lakhs twenty-one thousand and eight hundred only)** to the above-mentioned 18 FTCLRs from Grant in Aid.

Agenda 18: To consider and approve the retention of previous year's fee structure (2025- 26) for the academic year 2026-27 for UG & PG programmes offered at PAJANCOA & RI, Karaikal.

The fee structure followed for admission to UG & PG Degree programmes at PAJANCOA&RI, Karaikal, for the academic year 2025-26 is furnished below.

i) B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture and Horticulture

Sl. No.	Particulars	Per Semester fee Academic year 2025-26	Per Year fee Academic year 2025-26
I. Regular Scheme			
1.	Admission fee	25,300 (One-time only)	25,300 (One-time only)
2.	Semester fee	40,000 / Semester	80,000 / Year
II. Self-Support Scheme			
1.	Semester fee	80,000* / Semester	1,60,000 / Year

* As per the G.O. Ms.No.2/Ag. dt.31.07.2024

ii) M.Sc. and Ph.D. (Agriculture and Horticulture)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Per Semester fee Academic year 2025-26	Per Year fee Academic year 2025-26
1.	Admission fee	28,000 (One-time only)	28,000 (One-time only)
2.	Semester fee	45,375 / Semester	90,750 / Year

The following table compares the UG & PG course fee structure for academic year 2025-26 at PAJANCOA & RI with that of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore; Sri Manakula Vinayagar Agricultural College (SMVEC), Puducherry; and other Professional colleges, namely RIVER offering B.V.Sc. and Pondicherry Technology University offering B.Tech programmes, with admissions made through CENTAC.

(i) B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture and Horticulture

Sl. No.	Particulars	Fee structure for Academic year 2025-26 (Rupees per-Year)				
		PAJANCOA& RI (Agri.&Horti.)	TNAU (Agri. &Horti.)	SMVEC (Agri & Horti)	RIVER (B.V.Sc)	PTU (B.Tech)
I. Regular Scheme						
1.	Admission fee (One-time payment)	25,300	10,925	89,750	55,500	32,101
2.	Yearly fee	80,000	46,000			
II. Self-Support Scheme						
3.	Yearly fee	1,60,000	---	1,00,000	1,75,500	1,62,401

(ii) M.Sc.(Agri.& Horti.) and Ph.D. degree programme:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Fee structure for Academic year 2025-26 (Rupees per-Year)				
		PAJANCOA & RI (Agri.&Horti.)	TNAU (Agri. &Horti.)	SMVEC (Agri & Horti)	RIVER (B.V.Sc)	PTU (B.Tech)
1.	Admission fee (One-time payment)	28,000	19,855	Not offered	5,750	1,250
2.	Yearly fee	90,750	51,220		80,530	47,850

It is evident that the admission and yearly fees collected for UG & PG degree programmes at PAJANCOA&RI are higher than those charged by similar Agricultural Institutions and other Professional Institutes under the Government of Puducherry.

It is also to be noted that the majority of candidates seeking admission to Agricultural Courses at PAJANCOA&RI, Karaikal, come from rural backgrounds. Any increase in the fee structure may impose an additional financial burden on their parents. Retaining the existing fee structure would support equitable access to higher education and help prevent dropouts due to financial constraints.

Hence, it is requested that the Governing body may consider and approve retention of previous year's fee structure (2025-26) for the academic year 2026-27 to the UG & PG programmes offered at PAJANCOA&RI, Karaikal.

Agenda 19: To consider and accord approval for revising Agrochemical testing fees at three -year intervals, with a 40 % increase over the existing rates.

It is submitted that at PAJANCOA & RI, Karaikal scientists from the Departments of Agricultural Entomology, Plant Pathology, Agronomy, Plant Breeding and Genetics, Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry and Horticulture are actively engaged in generating bioefficacy data for the newer molecules of Insecticides, Fungicides, Herbicides, Plant growth regulators and bio stimulants for various Agrochemical Industries of India. The institute was duly approved by the Central Insecticide Board and Registration Committee (CIBRC), Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine and storage, Faridabad, Haryana during 2021, for the consideration and acceptance of bioefficacy data generated by the Institute for the purpose of registration of newer molecules of pesticides, plant growth regulators and bio stimulants.

Following this approval, PAJANCOA & RI submitted a detailed proposal to the Chief Secretary-cum-Chairman on 25.06.2021, seeking approval for the fixation of a testing fee structure for bioefficacy trials. The proposal covered one-season, one-crop studies encompassing

short-, medium-, and long-duration crops. Subsequently, the Chief Secretary–cum–Chairman accorded approval to adopt the following prescribed fee structure for conducting such trials.

Crop	Testing fee
a. Crops less than 5 months duration Rice, sorghum, maize, ragi, black gram, green gram soy bean, cow pea	Rs.1,70,000* /product/crop/location/ season
b. Crops more than 5 months duration Cotton, red gram, brinjal, bhendi, tomato, gourds and cucurbits	Rs. 2,00,000*/product/crop/location/ season
c. Crops like Sugarcane, onion, grapes	Rs.2, 50,000*/product/crop/location/ season
Applicable tax	18 % GST

Note: In case of project mode, an additional 20 per cent of institutional charges will be added.

*Testing fee includes contingencies like man power, trial expenditures, chemicals, stationery materials and institutional charges 10 %.

Over the past four years, the costs of critical inputs, labour, and field preparation have increased substantially, resulting in a significant escalation in the overall expenditure incurred for conducting bioefficacy trials. Consequently, the existing fee structure has become inadequate to meet the actual trial costs.

In this context, leading State Agricultural Universities, such as University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad and Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, have revised their testing fee structures, implementing an increase of more than 45 per cent over the previous rates. Accordingly, it is proposed to enhance the existing fee structure by 40 per cent to ensure the financial viability and effective conduct of agrochemical bioefficacy trials. The revised fee structure for agrochemical testing is as follows:

Crops	Existing testing fee	Proposed testing fee
a. Crops Less than 5 months duration Rice, sorghum, maize, ragi, black gram, green gram soy bean, cow pea	Rs.1,70,000* /product/crop /location/season	Rs.2,38,000* /product /crop/location/ season
b. Crops More than 5 months duration Cotton Red gram, brinjal, bhendi, tomato, gourds, cucurbits etc.,	Rs.2,00,000*/ product/crop/location/ season	Rs.2,80,000*/ product/crop/location/ season

Crops	Existing testing fee	Proposed testing fee
C. Crops like Sugarcane, Banana Onion, grapes, Mango, sapota etc.,	Rs.2,50,000*/ product/crop/location/ season	Rs.3,50,000*/ product/crop/location/ season
d. Organic manure analysis (Laboratory analysis for micro/ macro nutrients) (NEW PROPOSAL)	NIL	Rs.25,000/Sample
E. Application of chemical through drones (500 sq.m/treatment) (NEW PROPOSAL)	NIL	Rs.4,00,000 Product/crop/location/season for crops<5months duration. Rs.5,00,000 Product/crop/location/season for crops>5months duration. Rs.6,00,000 Product/crop/location/season for plantation crops/orchard crops/perennial fruit crops viz., Mango, grapes, pomegranate, citrus, banana etc.,
Applicable GST		

Hence, the Governing Body is requested to consider and accord one-time approval for enhancing the testing fee by 40%, with a provision to revise the fee structure once every three years.

Agenda 20: To consider and approve the proposal for the establishment of a Greenhouse facility in the Department of Agricultural Entomology.

The Department of Agricultural Entomology proposes the establishment of a greenhouse facility to strengthen and support advanced research activities. The facility is essential for carrying out research activities related to host plant resistance, toxicological studies, mass culturing of host insects, biology of insect pests, and climate-resilient entomological research under controlled environmental conditions. The greenhouse will enable: maintenance of continuous and healthy host plant material, rearing and preservation of pure insect cultures, conducting artificial infestation experiments, toxicological and vertical screening research under regulated environmental conditions. The proposed facility will significantly enhance the

Department's research capacity and ensure scientific precision, reliability, and year-round experimentation. The estimated cost for establishing the green house facility is Rs. 38,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty-eight lakhs only), inclusive of GST and provision for future price escalation.

Hence, the Governing body is requested to consider and accord approval for the establishment of a Greenhouse facility in the Department of Agricultural Entomology.

Any Other Items: