Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishvavidyalaya (now Chaudhary Sarwan Kumar Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishvavidyalaya) was established on 1st November, 1978. The College of Agriculture (established in May, 1966) formed the nucleus of the new farm University. It is ICAR accredited and ISO 9001:2008 certified institution. The University has been given the mandate for making provision for imparting education in agriculture and other allied branches of learning, furthering the advancement of learning and prosecution of research and undertaking extension of such sciences, especially to the rural people of Himachal Pradesh. Over the years, this University has contributed significantly in transforming the farm scenario of Himachal Pradesh. Today, the State has earned its name for hill agricultural diversification and the farming community has imposed its faith in the University. The University has four constituent colleges. The College of Agriculture has 13 departments, Dr. G. C. Negi College of Veterinary & Animal Science has 16 departments, the College of Home Science has five departments and the College of Basic Sciences has four departments. These colleges offer six Bachelor Degree programmes and the Dean, Post Graduate Studies offers 32 Masters Degree & 19 Doctoral Degree programmes. At present 1235 students are on roll and more than 5584 students have passed out from the University since its inception. The Directorate of Research coordinates research in the field of agriculture, veterinary and animal sciences, home science and basic sciences. It has been giving priority to the location specific, need based and problem oriented research with multidisciplinary approach at main campus Palampur, 3 Regional Research Stations (Bajaura, Dhaulakuan & Kukumseri) and 10 Research Sub-stations (Kangra, Malan, Nagrota, Salooni, Akrot, Berthin, Sundernagar, Sangla, Leo & Lari) spread over in all districts of the State (except Solan and Shimla). The University has developed need-based technology for the different regions of the State and has released 144 improved varieties of different crops. Around 600 quintal breeder seed of different crop varieties is produced and supplied to the State Department of Agriculture for further multiplication and making it available among the farming community, every year. The University has released 13 improved agricultural tools to reduce drudgery in farming. Over 90 farm technologies have been recommended to the farmers. Three patents have been granted to the University by the Patent Office, Government of India.