Deemed to have come into existence on February 24th 1971 by the Act 33 of 1971 of the Kerala State Legislature, entitled 'The Agricultural University Act, 1971', the Kerala Agricultural University (KAU) became operational since February 1st 1972 when the then existing two educational and 21 research institutions administered by the Departments of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry of the Government of Kerala, were brought under one umbrella for facilitating the sustainable and accelerated development of agriculture in the State.

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To Provide human resources, skills and technology required for sustainable development of agriculture, including crop production, Animal Husbandry, Veterinary Sciences, Dairy Sciences & Technology, Co-operation, Fisheries, Forestry, Agricultural Engineering, Home Science and other allied disciplines by integrating education, research and extension.

The University focuses its strategy on synergizing multi-disciplinary education and strengthening problem-specific research relevant to the state and help building innovative extension systems for sustainable management of natural resources, sustainable agricultural production and overall improvement of rural livelihoods.