



## KERALA AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY

### Proceedings

KAU – Education – Enhancing number of seats of B.Sc. (Hons.) Forestry Programme – Approved – Orders issued.

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### DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION

No. KAUEDU/561/2024-EDU B3

Dated. Vellanikkara, 12-06-2024

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- Read:-
1. Minutes of 10th meeting of Board of Studies of Faculty of Forestry held on 17.03.2023 (Item 2/5)
  2. Minutes of the 139th meeting of the Academic Council held on 31.03.2023 Item No: V(20)
  3. Minutes of 616th Executive Committee held on 31.01.2024.
  4. Letter No. AF(2)/123/2024/Ag dated 08.05.2024 of APC & Principal Secretary, Agri. (Farms) Department.

### ORDER

The Kerala State Higher Education Council (KSHEC) has urged Universities to enhance seats at Undergraduate and Postgraduate levels. The NEP-2020 has also observed that although Agricultural Universities comprise approximately 9% of all Universities in the country, enrolment in agriculture and allied sciences is less than 1% of all enrolment in higher education. ICAR in their “Implementation Strategy for National Education Policy – 2020 in Agricultural Education System” has also suggested to enhance Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in Agricultural Universities with at least increase of 10% seats from 2021-22 academic session on annual basis.

The annual intake capacity of students to B.Sc. (Hons.) Forestry programme in KAU has been remaining as 33 seats for a few years. The demand for admission to BSc. (Hons) Forestry programme is growing every year and there are numerous requests for increase of seats in the course, from student community also.

Considering all the above, the 10th Board of Studies (Faculty of Forestry) had made a recommendation for enhancing the number of seats in B.Sc. (Hons.) Forestry programme to 40 seats, in KAU.

The proposal of Board of Studies was placed before the 139th Academic Council and the Council as per paper read (2) has approved it. The Executive Committee of KAU vide paper read (3) has also approved the proposal. As per paper read (4), the Agri. (Farms) Department, Government of Kerala have informed the University that the executive powers for enhancement of seats in the Colleges under KAU are vested with the University as per rules

and hence decision for enhancement of seats can be taken and exercised at University level itself.

In the above circumstances, the following orders are issued.

1. Sanction is hereby accorded to enhance the annual intake capacity of B.Sc. (Hons.) Forestry programme from the existing 33 to 40.

The CEE, Kerala will be addressed on the seat enhancement for B.Sc. (Hons.) Forestry, from 33 to 40 seats and also for conducting admissions to the enhanced seats in 2024 itself. The CEE will also be requested to effect the changes in KEAM Prospectus and connected admission procedures, accordingly, in future.

By Order of the Executive Committee

**A Sakeer Husain**  
**REGISTRAR**

To

1. The CEE (with C/L)
2. The Dean of Faculty, Faculty of Forestry, College of Forestry, Vellanikkara
3. The Controller of Examinations, KAU
4. Deans of Faculty/ Deans of all Colleges under KAU
5. Academic Officers of all Colleges under KAU
6. Programmer (Acad), KAU (for publishing in the website)

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