

2. Establishment, Objects, and Powers and Functions of the University

The Tamil Nadu Agricultural University has been established by the TNAU Act 1971 enacted by the Legislation of the State of Tamil Nadu in the Twenty Second year of the Republic of India and the Act received the assent of the Governor on the 26th April 1971. This Act came into force on 1-6-1971.

Establishment of University

- (1) For the development of agriculture and for furthering the advancement of learning and prosecution of research in agriculture and allied sciences, on and from the appointed day, there shall be established a University by the name Tamil Nadu Agricultural University
- (2) The University shall be a body corporate, shall have perpetual succession and a common seal and shall sue and be sued by the said name.
- (3) The Principal seat of the University shall be located within the town limits of Coimbatore or in any place, within a radius of twenty-five kilometers around the town limits of Coimbatore.

Objects of University – The objects of the University shall be

- (a) to impart education in different branches of agriculture and allied sciences as the University may determine
- (b) to further the advancement of learning and prosecution of research in agriculture and allied sciences; and
- (c) to undertake the extension of such sciences to the rural people in cooperation with the concerned Government Departments.

Powers and functions of University

The powers and functions of the University shall be

- (a) to provide for instruction and training in agriculture and allied sciences;
- (b) to provide for instruction and training in agriculture and dissemination of knowledge in agriculture and allied sciences
- (c) to provide for dissemination of the findings of research and technical information through extension education;
- (d) to institute degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions in agriculture and allied sciences;

- (e) to hold examinations and confer degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions on persons who have
 - (i) pursued a prescribed course of study; or
 - (ii) carried out research in the University under the prescribed conditions;
- (f) to confer honorary degrees or other distinctions in the prescribed manner and under the prescribed conditions;
- (g) to provide for lectures and instructions for field workers, farmers and other persons not enrolled as regular students of the University and to grant certificates to them, if necessary;
- (h) to cooperate with other Universities and authorities in such manner and for such purposes as it may determine;
- (i) to establish and maintain colleges, relating to agriculture and allied sciences;
- (j) to affiliate colleges to the University under conditions prescribed and to withdraw affiliation from colleges;
- (k) to establish and maintain laboratories, libraries, research stations and museums for teaching, research and extension education;
- (l) to institute teaching, research and extension education posts and to appoint persons to such posts;
- (m) to create administrative and other posts and to appoint persons to such posts;
- (n) to institute and award fellowships, scholarships and prizes in accordance with the statutes;
- (o) to establish and maintain or recognize hostels for students of the University and residential accommodation for the staff of the University;
- (p) to fix, demand and receive such fees and other charges as may be prescribed
- (q) to supervise and control hostels and to regulate discipline of the students of the University and to make arrangements for promoting their health and welfare; and
- (r) to do all such acts and thing, whether incidental to the powers and functions aforesaid or not, as may be necessary or desirable to further the objects of the University.