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## KVASU joins hands with UN for sustainable development

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*Varsity to collaborate with UNAI, UNICEF*

The Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (KVASU) is gearing up to collaborate with the United Nations (UN) in areas of technology for sustainable development and educational awareness programmes.

The varsity will collaborate with the United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI), a programme of the UN for institutions of higher education granting degrees or equivalent certificates across the globe, in the areas of technology for sustainable development and the UNICEF for educational awareness programmes.

The UNAI organised an international conference recently in New York on sustainable development in association with the Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham (Amrita University) and launched an online portal to encourage further discussion and collaboration among university researchers worldwide on technology for global sustainable development.

“We have decided to pursue further UNAI’s Skills and Technology Accelerating Rapid Transformation project in the areas of sustainable development as envisaged in the millennium development goals of the UN,” T.P. Sethumadhavan, Director of Entrepreneurship, KVASU, who participated in the discussions for identifying broad areas of collaboration, told *The Hindu* .

At a separate meeting between the KVASU and the UNICEF, Mr. Sethumadhavan presented a paper on educational initiatives taken up by the KVASU for schoolchildren such as the Jyothis project in Koothuparamba Assembly constituency, Insight and Sumedha in Payyanur and Kaipamangalam constituencies respectively.

UNICEF officials appreciated the programme and suggested that the project be scaled up in appropriate areas, he said.

The KVASU submitted a proposal to the UNICEF for educational awareness programme for tribal schools of Wayanad district as part of Wayanad 2030 programme of the University.

“The meeting with UN officials has opened a new vista for identifying broad areas of collaboration including sustainable development, tribal school development, communication technology, educational awareness and student entrepreneurship,” said B. Ashok, KVASU Vice Chancellor.

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