

KAU VC calls on scientists to tackle challenges posed by climate change

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KERALA Agricultural University (KAU) vice-chancellor R Chandrababu has called upon agricultural scientists to strive for developing measures for adaptation and mitigation of perturbations in climate that have upset traditional cropping systems in the state.

Speaking during Republic Day celebrations, he said that KAU is bound to extend technological support to the Haritha Keralam mission, which envisages purity of water, fertility of soil and clean air.

“Our priority should be to improve natural resource use efficiency for sustaining the productivity gains achieved. Conservation of our vast natu-

ral wealth and traditional values is an important aspect of nation-building. It is our duty to conserve biodiversity, preserve traditional crops and indigenous species and protect natural resources bequeathed to us by nature and our ancestors,” he said. As the risks posed by climate change are multi-faceted, their management too demands a multi-disciplinary approach. KAU, an institution of proven research strength and resilience, can cope with the new challenges, he said.

University officers, staff, students and labourers participated at the event held in Vellanikkara. Republic Day celebrations were organised at all colleges and research stations of the university across the state.