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VICE-Chancellor of Kerala Agricultural University (KAU) R Chandrababu on Monday said KAU will strengthen activities to protect the intellectual property rights (IPR) of the state's unique products and also of the flood, drought and salinity-resistant new rice varieties developed by the university.

He was speaking after inaugurating a one-day sensitisation programme on 'GI registration and

success of GI tag for Nilambur teak' held at KAU's College of Forestry. In his talk, Chandrababu highlighted the uniqueness of genetic diversity in India, especially in the Western Ghats, and the agricultural products of the state.

"There is a need for team work in achieving goals in IPR protection," said Chandrababu, who appreciated the efforts of the scientists of IPR cell, the staff and students of the College of Forestry and members of the Nilambur Teak Heritage Society (NTHS) in

obtaining the GI (Geographical Indication) tag for Nilambur teak.

Nilambur Teak is the first forest timber to get the tag, which is owned by NTHS. The cherished dream was realised after three-year-long efforts of KAU's IPR Cell, in association with the College of Forestry, the Kerala Forest Research Institute, the Forest and Wildlife Department and NTHS.

The sensitisation programme was organised by the IPR Cell and College of Forestry to boost the national and international fame

of GI-tagged Nilambur teak for promoting the economic prosperity of the producers.

T Pradeep Kumar unveiled the logo of Nilambur teak. Director of Research P Indiradevi presided over the function. KAU General Council members S Estelita, Sakkir Hussein, P K Sreekumar and Bibin Chacko were present. C R Elsy, E V Anoop and T K Kunhamu handled the technical sessions. K Vidyasagan welcome everyone while S Gopakumar proposed a vote of thanks.