

gets ICAR recognition

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Thrissur: Kerala Agricultural University (KAU) vice-chancellor (VC) R Chandra Babu has been selected as emeritus scientist by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

The offer is for a three-year research project titled Developing High yielding, Short duration, Water and Labour Saving Rice Cultivars.

According to the VC these cultivars will be adapted to dry direct seedling cultivation. They will be developed through genomic selection and molecular breeding. Such cultivars will save water as farmers can directly sow the seeds, even in relatively dry farms, instead of the current practice of transplanting the seedling to wet paddy fields, he said.

Babu is bestowed with the recognition based on his proven record and research accomplishments in developing drought-resistant rice varieties during his term as director, centre for plant biotechnology and molecular biology (CPBMB), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore, a KAU release said on Saturday.