

Focus more on research, KAU told

Minister inaugurates new research block at university

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Minister for Agriculture V.S. Sunil Kumar on Friday inaugurated the new Academic & Research Management block of Kerala Agricultural University (KAU) on its main campus.

Speaking after the inauguration, the Minister said the new block named C. Achutha Menon Memorial Academic & Research Management Block was the fulfilment of a long cherished dream of the university.

The improved infrastruc-

ture facilities should encourage creative thinking and efficiency of research, the Minister said. "The government wants the university to lead an agricultural renaissance in the State. Researchers should play the lead role in this. The government will not interfere with the autonomy of KAU, but will definitely monitor the research activities to ensure that the funding for research is utilised for the benefit of farming sector."

The link between the KAU and the Department of Agri-

culture would be strengthened and an action plan for this had already been drawn at a meeting convened for the purpose recently, he said.

He said the university should step up and remould its activities to infuse life into Kerala agriculture sector. The enormous amount of research done and laudable results achieved should catalyse further growth and prosperity, he said. The Minister laid the foundation stone for a new sports pavilion at Vellanikkara.