

KAU to launch monthly agri clinic for farmers

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THE Kerala Agricultural University (KAU) is launching a monthly agri-clinic programme to help farmers solve problems they encounter in the fields.

The Agro Clinic and Farm Diagnostics Service viz; Monthly Agro Clinic & Farm Advisory Conclave (MAC-FAC or 'Mukha Mukham') is envisaged as an interface of farmers and extension officers with crop management scientists on a monthly basis to find solutions with a scientific approach, said Jiju P Alex, director of extension.

"The visiting farmer would be able to present his problems or specimens and obtain detailed explanations and prescriptions on their queries," he said.

"Facility to consult an interdisciplinary team of experts will be ensured. They can seek clarification and advisory services on field problems and specimen of diseases, pests attacks, fertilizer application, farm plans, crop patterns, possibilities of value addition etc."

PG and PhD scholars will as-

sist the panel of experts, the experience benefiting them as well.

Jiju said the inaugural event will be held at the Communication Centre under the Directorate of Extension at Mannuthy. Later, the exercise will be extended to all regions of the state.

The programme, organised in association with the Department of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), will be inaugurated on November 18 by Agriculture Minister V S Sunilkumar. K Rajan MLA will preside over the function while

Agricultural Production Commissioner and Acting Vice-Chancellor Teeka Ram Meena will

deliver the keynote address at the Directorate of Extension.

Apart from people's representatives, officers from the university and the Agriculture Department; and members of the general council and executive committee will participate.

Farmers can register for the clinic by calling up the Communication Centre on 0487-2370773, 9447789728.



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