

'Coco wood' substitute for costly timber

Durability, appearance, strength

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Coconut palm wood is fast becoming a durable substitute for costly timber varieties usually chosen for furniture.

Furniture pieces made of coconut wood were exhibited at the theme stall for value-addition of coconut at the Kerala Agricultural University pavilion of VAIGA 2017.

Reasons for demand

The reason for which coco wood, as it is called, is considered a viable option is increasing scarcity of traditional wood varieties and the resultant prohibitive cost.

"The need to look for alternatives has become imperative and coconut wood, very much underutilised but good enough to substitute commonly used wood varieties because of its strength, durability and appearance, has emerged as a



Reliable: An armchair made of coco wood exhibited in the Kerala Agricultural University pavilion of VAIGA 2017 in Thrissur.

reliable option," says E.V. Anoop, Professor at College of Forestry, Kerala Agricultural University.

Wall, floor panels

The furniture pieces displayed at the stall are a testimony to this. The armchair, cot and sofa as well as the wall and floor panels made of coco wood have received many enquiries.