

# KAU to strengthen floriculture research

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The Kerala Agricultural University General Council (KAUGC) has resolved to strengthen floriculture research to aid development of floriculture farming in the State.

The 130th meeting of the council chaired by acting Vice-Chancellor Tikkaram Meena on Saturday took the decision pursuant to a question raised by K.V. Vijaya Das, MLA.

Mr. Meena assured the house that floriculture departments in colleges under the university will be restructured and revitalised to achieve the aim.

The council also assured farmers' representative Cheruvayal Raman that the university will provide technical support for soil conservation programmes envisaged under Haritha Keralam project of the State government.

The meeting held at Go-

vernment Guest House, Thycaud on Saturday, also decided that University will extend technology backup to ensure quality of seeds and planting materials made available to farmers in the State. A mission mode approach will be initiated to enhance internal revenue of the university. The Executive Committee has been authorised to work out modalities in this regard.

While teachers' representatives have been assured that reservation norms will be adhered to in the recruitment, the demand of students' representatives to expedite hostel construction in various campuses was also agreed to. The meeting was attended by Executive Committee members K. Rajan, MLA, Finance Secretary Minhaj Alam, Registrar S. Leenakumari, nominated and elected members including MLAs, G.S. Jaya Lal and M. Vicent, and others.

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