

# Agri varsity on a mission to produce healthy spices

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THE Kerala Agricultural University is organising a two-day seminar on spices for urban horticulture to equip the urban and peri-urban population with safe-to-eat spice crops.

The move assumes importance in the wake of reports on excessive pesticide in spices and condiments procured from the market. This will enable urban and peri-urban population with limited land available for farming to produce spices. The University believes it will be the most effective method to ensure food safety, said a release.

The seminar is organised under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture at the model nursery on spices on the KAU campus, Vellanikkara on January 5 and 6. The seminar will be inaugurated by C N Jayadevan MP. KAU Vice-Chancellor R Chandrababu will preside over the function. Agriculture Minister V S Sunil Kumar and KAU executive committee member K Rajan MLA will address the participants. The participating farmers will be provided with planting materials, farm inputs and guidelines for cultivation of spice crops including black pepper, ginger, turmeric, chilli, coriander, etc. Hands-on training on various modern technologies will also be imparted at the seminar.



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