

Farmers' meet, expo from Jan 5

Events to mark silver jubilee of KVK and foundation day of CPCRI

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Marking the silver jubilee of the Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) and the foundation day of the Central Plantation Crops Research Institute (CPCRI), the institute is hosting a six-day mega farmer's meet-cum-agri-business exhibition here from January 5.

The event will also see a host of programmes, including an interface between farmers and entrepreneurs and seminars and exhibitions, CPCRI Director P.

Chowdappa said.

Concurrent with the farm exhibition, various interface programmes, seminars, and training programmes for the stakeholders will be held.

There will be seminars on cocoa production and processing, fish farming, dairy and poultry sector, and goat farming on January 6, Dr. Chowdappa said.

A programme on soil and water conservation technologies and high-value underutilised fruit crops will be held on January 8 while a

session on beekeeping is planned on the following day. The final day of the event on January 10 will see a session on value-addition in coconut, mango and jackfruit. The exhibitions will have stalls on crop farming, animal farming, aquaculture, and horticulture.

As many as 50,000 stakeholders in the research wing, import-export trade houses, agri-input dealers, farmers, farmer producer companies, senior officials, policy managers, farm inno-

vators, prospective agripreneurs, and students are expected to take part in the event, he said.

The event will see the release of an ICAR-CPCRI centenary postal stamp.

Those who want to reserve exhibition stalls could contact Ravi Bhat, Head, Division of Crop Production at the CPCRI or email to cpcrikisanmela@gmail.com. C. Thamban, Head, Division of Social Sciences, and convenor of the conference can be contacted for details.