

# VAIGA-2017

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The VAIGA (Value addition for Income Generation in Agriculture) international workshop and exhibition will be held at Kerala Agricultural University (KAU), Vellanikkara, from December 27.

Organised with the objective of bridging the gap between farm producers and entrepreneurs, the five-day VAIGA festival will have international-level workshops and exhibitions.

“VAIGA is a single-window programme for providing information and support on value-addition of farm produces for farmers and entrepreneurs. We want to turn farmers or farmer clusters as entrepreneurs instead of being mere produc-

ers. This will ensure a decent income by avoiding middlemen,” said Agriculture Minister V.S. Sunil Kumar.

The workshops will provide them with information about production, new technologies, financial support, marketing strategies, packaging, licensing and certification.

This edition of VAIGA will concentrate on value addition of banana, honey, coconut, and millets.

Governor P. Sathasivam will inaugurate the programme on December 27.

In addition to agricultural experts from all over the country, representatives from Singapore, Thailand, Sri Lanka, and Jakarta will also participate in the programme.