

KAU felicitates Thayannankudy tribal society

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THE Kerala Agricultural University (KAU) honoured the Thayannankudy tribal society of Idukki, which bagged the National Plant Genome Saviour Award for 2015-16, in a ceremony held at the university headquarters at Vellanikkara on Friday.

Thayannankudy tribal settlement, situated inside the Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary, is home to 150 people spread across 42 houses. Their commitment to conserve cereals, millets, spices, tubers, vegetables, fruits and rice varieties won them the prestigious award instituted by the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Right Authority under the central government.