

43rd Project Approval Committee of Technology Mission on Coconut Clears Projects Worth Rs.36.46 Crores

The 43rd meeting of the Project Approval Committee (PAC) on Technology Mission on Coconut (TMOC) held at Kochi under the Chairmanship of Shri T.K. Jose IAS, Chairman, Coconut Development Board cleared 27 projects with an outlay of `36.46 crores and subsidy of `6.61crores. Out of 27 projects, there were 6 Research projects and 21 projects on Processing and Product Diversification in the approved projects.





Three projects submitted by Coconut producer companies of Kerala were sanctioned with an outlay of `1278.82 lakhs and subsidy of `119.14 lakhs.

Under the sub component 'Processing and Product Diversification', 3 Neera projects with a capacity to process 26,000 litres Neera per day, 6 projects for Desiccated Coconut Powder units for processing 1,60,000 nuts per day, 2 Virgin Coconut Oil units for processing 15000 nuts per day, 2 Tender Coconut Water Preservation and Packaging units with a capacity to process 20,000 nuts per day, 3 Coconut Shell based units for processing 46 MT shell per day, 4 Copra/ball copra units with processing capacity of 43,60,000 nuts per year and 1 Integrated Coconut Processing units with a capacity for processing 40,000 nuts per day were sanctioned.

In Kerala, 3 Neera processing units with a capacity to process 26,000 litres Neera per day, 1 Integrated Coconut Processing unit with a capacity of processing 40,000 nuts per day, 4 Desiccated Coconut Powder units for processing 50,000 nuts per day, 1 Virgin coconut oil unit for processing 10,000 nuts per day, 1 Tender Coconut Water Preservation and Packaging unit with a capacity of 15,000 nuts per day and 2 Ball copra units having the capacity to process 31,60,000 nuts per year were sanctioned.

In Karnataka, 2 Desiccated Coconut Powder units having a capacity for processing 1,10,000 nuts per day, 1 Coconut Shell based unit for processing 10 MT shell per day were sanctioned.

In Tamil Nadu, 1 Virgin coconut oil unit for processing 5,000 nuts per day, 2 Coconut Shell based unit for processing 36 MT coconut shell per day were sanctioned.

In Andhra Pradesh, 2 ball copra units with capacity of 12,00,000 nuts per year were sanctioned.

In Gujarat, 1 Tender Coconut Water Processing and Packaging unit with a capacity of 5,000 nuts per day was sanctioned.

Dr.A.G. Gopalakrishna, Scientist, CFTRI (CSIR), Mysore; Dr.V.Krishnakumar, CPCRI (RS), Kayamkulam; Dr.P. Ushamani, AGM, NABARD, Thriuvananthapuram; Dr.Anilkumar R, Directorate of Marketing and Inspection, Kochi; ShriMathew N.M,Chief Manager, IOB, Ernakulam; Shri Sugata Ghose, Chief Coconut Development Officer, Coconut Development Board (CDB), Kochi; Dr A.K Nandi, Secretary, CDB, Kochi; Shri Hemachandra, Deputy Director, CDB Kochi attended the meeting. Dr. M. Aravindakshan, Former Chairman, CDB and Dr.D.M. Vasudevan, Principal (Retd.), Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences, Kochi attended the meeting as invited expert.