

Coconut Seedlings planted at Kerala House, New Delhi on 17.08.2012 in commemoration of Malayalam New Year and Farmers' Day

The 1st day of Chingam (First month of Malayalam calendar) of the year is celebrated as Farmers' Day in Kerala. To commemorate the same, a small ceremony of planting of coconut seedlings in the premises of Kerala House is organised. Adv.P.T. Thomas, H'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) welcomed the delegates present on the occasion and briefed the importance of the day. He added that though the climate in Delhi is not suitable for cultivation of coconut, on a trial basis, few seedlings are planted in this auspicious day. He expressed his expectation that with the joint efforts of Coconut Development Board and Kerala House, adequate care is taken for proper maintenance of these seedlings.

Coconut seedlings raised at Coconut Development Board's DSP Farm at Neriamangalam, Kerala were specially transported to Delhi for this purpose. Shri Mullapally Ramachandran, Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri K.C. Venugopal, Hon'ble Minister of State for Power, Dr. K.S. Radhakrishnan, Chairman, Kerala public Service Commission, Adv.P.T. Thomas, Hon'ble MP, Dr.Charles Dias, Hon'ble MP and Member, CDB and Shri K.P.Dhanapalan, Hon'ble MP have planted coconut seedlings in the campus of Kerala House between 9.00 am to 10.00 am.

While addressing the media after the ceremony, Adv. P.T. Thomas, Hon'ble MP stressed the importance of the crop in Indian culture as well as Indian economy. He also welcomed the move that Tender Coconut Water is declared as the official drink of Government of Kerala and at the same time expressed his unhappiness on the proposal for declaration of Tea as the official drink of the nation. Packed tender coconut water was distributed to the delegates and other invitees at the end of the function.



Shri Mullapally Ramachandran, Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs planting a coconut seedling



Shri K.C. Venugopal, Hon'ble Minister of State for Power planting coconut seedling in Kerala House premises



Dr. K.S. Radhakrishnan, Chairman, Kerala public Service Commission planting a seedling



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