

Shri. Dominic Gonsalves, Ex. Chief Whip of Opposition, Maharashtra Vidhan Sabha and Shri. Narayan Mankar, Ex. Mayor, Vasai-Virar City Municipal Corporation Maharashtra visited Coconut Development Board, Kochi on 06-07-2015. They spent two days in Kerala to study about Neera, its extraction, processing and value addition.



Pic 1: Discussion with Shri. T.K.Jose IAS, Chairman, Coconut Development Board
They are trying to encourage coconut farmers in Maharashtra to utilize their coconut palms for extracting Neera (rather than utilizing it for producing only coconuts) and adopt it as an income generation activity.



Pic 2: Visit to Neera pilot plant at CDB Institute of Technology, Aluva
Smt. Annie Eapen, Chemist and Ms. Geethu, Processing engineer explaining the operations of Neera pilot plant at CIT



Pic 3: Visit to Neera pilot plant at SCMS Institute of Technology, Kalamassery. Dr. C. Mohan Kumar, explaining the operations of Neera pilot plant at SCMS Institute of Technology



Pic 4: Witnessing Coconut palm climbing and Neera extraction performed by a Neera technician in a Coconut farm.



Pic 5: Discussion with Shri. Viswan, Director, Karappuram Coconut Producer Company Ltd, Alappuzha district



Pic 6: Visit to Commercial Neera plant established by Karappuram Coconut Producer Company Ltd.