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Tips on beating Tanjavur Wilt

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Coconut farmers taking part in a training programme on management of Tanjavur Wilt at Periyee on Monday.

Training held for coconut farmers of Kasaragod

With the district reporting isolated cases of Tanjavur Wilt, which affects coconut palms, a demonstration-cum-training programme on management of the fungal disease was held at Periyee, near Kanhangad, on Monday.

The programme was jointly hosted by the Central Plantation Crops Research Institute (CPCRI) here, Agriculture Department, and Kanhangad block panchayat.

Presiding over the function, C. Thamban, Principal Scientist at the CPCRI, stressed the need to apply neem cake enriched with antagonistic fungus trichoderma at the rate of 5 kg a basin, which, he said, was also beneficial to check stem bleeding disease.

Root decay

Coconut trees affected by Tanjavur Wilt would show signs of premature drying of leaves, and nut fall, and root decay, Dr. Thamban said. The package demonstrated at the function consisted of measures to contain and avoid spread of the disease. Its spread could be checked if noticed in the initial stages, Sajini Mol, Assistant Director of Agriculture Kanhangad block, said in her inaugural address. Around 30 coconut farmers and nine officials from the departments concerned took part in the programme.

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