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## Farmers take part in extension programme

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In an endeavour to demonstrate updated farming practices and technologies, a farmer-participatory agricultural extension programme, hosted jointly by the Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) here and Mangalpady panchayat, was launched in the panchayat on Monday.

Over 100 farmers took part in the programme, which was inaugurated by Manjeswaram MLA P.B. Abdul Razack.

Delivering the keynote address at the programme, Central Plantation Crops Research Institute Director P. Chowdappa said the KVK would continue the extension programme in the panchayat for the next two years.

A class on combating Rhinoceros beetle, the insect that attacks the central spindle leaves of coconut palms, was held.

Experts stressed the need for containing the multiplication of the insects from the breeding site itself by applying metarhizium, a fungal pathogen, along with organic manure during rainy season.

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