

## Coconut mission clears 13 projects

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- A tender coconut water processing unit with a capacity to process **3,000 tender coconuts a day**
- Three copra /ball copra units having capacity to process **61,60,000 nuts a year**

The 44th meeting of the Project Approval Committee (PAC) on Technology Mission on Coconut (TMOC) here has cleared 13 projects with an outlay of Rs.40.79 crore and subsidy of Rs.3.45 crore. Out of 13 projects, there were three research projects and 10 projects on processing and product diversification in the approved projects.

Under the sub-component Processing and Product Diversification, the projects include one for desiccated coconut powder unit for processing 60,000 nuts per day, one virgin coconut oil unit for processing 10,000 nuts per day, two tender coconut water preservation and packaging units with a capacity to process 8,000 tender coconuts per day, three coconut shell-based activated carbon units for processing 44 tonnes of shell per day, three copra/ball copra units with processing capacity of 61,60,000 nuts per year.

In Kerala, one tender coconut water processing unit with a capacity to process 3,000 tender coconuts per day, and three copra /ball copra, units having the capacity to process 61,60,000 nuts per year were sanctioned.

In Karnataka, one coconut shell-based activated carbon unit having a capacity for processing 22 tonnes per day.

### For Tamil Nadu

In Tamil Nadu, one virgin coconut oil unit for processing 10,000 nuts per day, one desiccated coconut powder unit for processing 60,000 coconut per day, one tender coconut Water processing unit for processing 5,000 tender coconuts per day, two coconut shell- based activated carbon units for processing 22 tonne of shell per day were sanctioned.

Coconut Development Board Chairman T.K Jose presided over the meet. A.G. Gopalakrishna, scientist, CFTRI (CSIR), Mysore; Vinayaka Hegde, Head, Crop Protection, CPCRI, Kasaragod; and Usha K., AGM, NABARD, Regional Office, Thriuvananthapuram, were among those present.