



National Level Training on Cocoa

KAU Campus,
Cocoa Research Centre,
Vellanikkara



Date
May 12-14

INAUGURAL SESSION

Invocation

Welcome and Introductory address

*Dr. Femina,
Director, DCCD, Kochi.*

Key note address

*Dr. K.N.Anith,
Director of Research,
KAU, Vellanikkara, Thrissur.*

Inaugural address

*Dr. Jacob John,
Director of Extension,
KAU, Thrissur.*

Release of training manual

*Dr. Jacob John
Director of Extension,
KAU, Thrissur.*

Vote of thanks

*Dr. Minimol J S,
Professor & Head,
Cocoa Research Centre,
KAU, Thrissur.*

VALEDICTORY SESSION

Welcome

*Dr. Femina,
Director, DCCD, Kochi.*

Felicitation

- 1. Dr. Sakeer Husain A
Registrar,
KAU, Thrissur.*
- 2. Dr. Mani Chellappan,
Dean, KAU, Vellanikkara*

Certificate and Prize Distribution

*Dr. Sakeer Husain A
Registrar,
KAU, Thrissur.*

*Dr. Mani Chellappan,
Dean, KAU, Vellanikkara.*

Vote of thanks

*Dr. Minimol JS
Professor and Head
CRC, KAU, Thrissur*

Programme Schedule

Day-1: (12 May 2025)

Forenoon

Inaugural session

Cocoa scenario in India and development programmes initiated by Government of India

Dr. Femina
Director
Directorate of Cashewnut and Cocoa
Development, Cochin

Varietal wealth in cocoa, production of quality planting materials: Polyclonal seed garden and nursery management

Dr. B. Suma
Professor & Head(Retd.)
Cocoa Research Centre,
KAU, Thrissur.

Nursery accreditation guidelines & procedures

Shri. Dadasaheb Desayi
Deputy Director , DCCD

Unlocking global marketing opportunities through innovations in food processing

Dr. K.P. Sudheer
Professor & Head
Dept. of Agricultural Engineering
College of Agriculture , KAU
KAU, Vellanikkara-680656, Thrissur

Afternoon

Production technology of cocoa, canopy management through training & pruning techniques

Dr. Aswini A
Assistant Professor (Horticulture)
Cocoa Research Centre
KAU, Vellanikkara-680656, Thrissur

1. Climate resilient cocoa farming: Strategies to mitigate weather risks
2. Economics of cocoa cultivation from farm costs to market returns

Dr. S. Elain Apshara
Principal Scientist
ICAR-CPCRI, Vittal

Pest management in cocoa

Dr. Najitha Ummer
Assistant Professor
Cocoa Research Centre
KAU, Vellanikkara-680656, Thrissur

Disease management in cocoa

Dr. Deepa James
Assistant Professor
Cocoa Research Centre
KAU, Vellanikkara-680656, Thrissur

Role of industry in Indian cocoa

Mr. Vijayakumar C
Manager, Cocoa Operations
Mondelez India Ltd.

Day-2: (13 May 2025)

Field Visit

Visit to the field & processing unit of CRC

Day-3: (14 May 2025)

Forenoon

Organic certification procedure & export
promotional activities in cocoa

Shri. U Dharma Rao
Regional Head, APEDA, Bengaluru

Post-harvest handling and primary processing of cocoa(Homemade chocolate bean to bar)

Dr. Minimol J.S
Proff. & Head
Cocoa Research Centre
KAU, Vellanikkara- Thrissur

An experience in cocoa start up by an entrepreneur

Shri. Bobby John
Pristine Cocoa
XV-519, Moozhikulam, Angamaly, Ernakulam

Turning value-addition into global opportunities

Shri. Srinivasa Kunjathaya
Managing (Production)
CAMPCO, Manglore

Afternoon

Test paper

Valedictory function and certificate distribution
