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Jointly organize

Seminar on

**Coconut and Tuber Crops based Agrifood Systems
for Resilience and Sustainable Income**

22 August 2025, 9 AM to 5 PM

Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kamrup, Assam

Inaugural Address



Dr. Bidyut Chandan Deka

Vice Chancellor
Assam Agricultural
University, Jorhat

Presidential Address



Dr. G. Byju

Director
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Guests of Honour



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Director of Extension
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Dr. G. Kadirvel

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Dr. B. Augustine Jerard, Project Coordinator (Palms), ICAR-CPCRI, Kasaragod, Kerala



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Programme

Seminar on Coconut and Tuber Crops based Agrifood Systems for Resilience and Sustainable Income

09 AM to 10 AM

Reception and Registration

10 AM to 10.45 AM

Inaugural Session

11 AM to 12.15 PM

Technical Session I: Production Technologies and Cropping/Farming Systems

Chair: Dr. G. Byju; Co-Chair: Dr. G. Kadirvel; Convenor: Dr. Alpana Das

1. Coconut varieties, production technologies and cropping/farming systems for resilience

Dr. B. Augustine Jerard

2. Tuber crops varieties, production technologies and cropping/farming systems for resilience

Dr. G. Suja

3. Prospects and challenges of coconut cultivation in northeastern India

Dr. Rajat Kumar Pal

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12.15 PM to 1.30 PM

Technical Session II: Entrepreneurship and Capacity Development

Chair: Dr. Rajat Kumar Pal; Co-Chair: Dr. B. Augustine Jerard; Convenor: Dr. Ilakshy Deka

1. Entrepreneurial prospects of coconut in north eastern region

Dr. Sonmoina Bhuyan

2. Entrepreneurship development in tropical tuber crops

Dr. D. Jaganathan

3. Empowering stakeholders: Developmental schemes and services of Coconut Development Board

Mr. Kamal Loachan Panda

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2.30 PM to 4.30 PM

Technical Session III: Stakeholders Interface/Convergence

Chair: Dr. G. Byju & Dr. Manoranjan Neog; Co-Chair: Dr. G. Suja

Convenor: Dr. D. Jaganathan & Dr. Sonmoina Bhuyan

1. Stakeholders' interface (Experience sharing)

Researchers, Development officials, Entrepreneurs, FPCs, Industry partners and Progressive farmers.

2. Recommendations and action plan

Convenors of Technical Sessions

Forenoon Tea break: 10.45 to 11 AM; Lunch break: 1.30 to 2.30 PM, Afternoon Tea break: 4.30 to 4.45 PM



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