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ICAR-CENTRAL TUBER CROPS RESEARCH INSTITUTE
Sreekariyam, Thiruvananthapuram - 695 017, Kerala, India
(Indian Council of Agricultural Research)

WORKSHOP ON SOIL HEALTH MANAGEMENT AND BALANCED FERTILISER USE FOR SUSTAINABLE CROP PRODUCTION

Date : 26 May 2026 | Venue: Millennium Hall, ICAR-CTCRI, Thiruvananthapuram

From soil to survival, nourishing soil for sustainability...

About the Workshop

Healthy soils are the foundation of resilient agriculture. In this regard, ICAR-CTCRI, Thiruvananthapuram, is organizing a workshop which highlights innovative strategies for maintaining soil fertility, improving nutrient balance, and enhancing crop productivity, while safeguarding environmental sustainability. Experts will share insights on integrated soil health management practices, balanced fertilizer use, and modern approaches for nutrient management that reduce input costs and improve long-term farm profitability in the major crops of Kerala. This workshop will serve as a platform for understanding the recent developments and gain practical knowledge on sustainable crop production systems that support food security, conserve natural resources, and promote climate-smart agriculture. The Director and Staff ICAR-CTCRI, Thiruvananthapuram, cordially invite you for joining the workshop and get enlightened on the growing importance of preserving the pristine natural entity.

Dr. G. Byju

Director
ICAR-CTCRI, Thiruvananthapuram

Dr. G. Suja

Head, Division of Crop Production
ICAR-CTCRI, Thiruvananthapuram

Chief Guest



Dr. P. Rajendran

Chairman, Farmers' Welfare Fund Board, Govt. of Kerala and
Former Vice Chancellor, Kerala Agricultural University

Organizing Secretaries :

Dr. V. Ramesh and Dr. Jeena Mathew

Convenors :

Dr. K. Sunilkumar, Dr. D. Jaganathan and Dr. J. Suresh Kumar



Programme

26 May 2026 (10.00 am to 4.30 pm)

Inaugural Session

Vande Mataram

ICAR Theme Song

10.00 am Welcome Address

Dr. G. Suja

Head, Division of Crop Production, ICAR-CTCRI
Thiruvananthapuram

10.15 am Presidential Address

Dr. G. Byju

Director, ICAR-CTCRI, Thiruvananthapuram

10.25 am Felicitations

Dr. V.K. Venugopal

Professor and Head (Retd.)
Kerala Agricultural University

Sri. Saji John

Mission Director, State Horticulture Mission
Kerala

Sri. C.S. Dathan

Additional Director, Dept. of Soil Survey
and Soil Conservation, Kerala

Dr. A. Abdul Haris

Principal Scientist, ICAR-CPCRI
Regional Station, Kayamkulam

Dr. P. Rajendran

Chairman, Farmers' Welfare Fund Board
Govt. of Kerala and Former Vice Chancellor
Kerala Agricultural University

10.45 am Inauguration and
Inaugural Address

11.15 am Vote of Thanks

Dr. V. Ramesh

Principal Scientist, ICAR-CTCRI
Thiruvananthapuram

National Anthem

Tea Break

Technical Session

11.30 am Plant nutrition and food security

Dr. G. Byju

Director, ICAR-CTCRI, Thiruvananthapuram

12.00 pm Balanced use of fertilisers for
optimising crop production in acid soils

Dr. B. Rani

Professor & Head
Dept. of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry
College of Agriculture, Vellayani

12.30 pm Balanced fertilizer application in palms:
Pathway to soil health and sustainable yield

Dr. P. Subramanian

Head, Division of Crop Production
ICAR-CPCRI, Kasaragod

01.00 pm Soil health management for sustainable
production of tuber crops

Dr. K. Susan John

Principal Scientist
ICAR-CTCRI, Thiruvananthapuram

01.30 pm Vote of Thanks

Dr. Jeena Mathew

Senior Scientist
ICAR-CTCRI, Thiruvananthapuram

01.30 pm Lunch

02.30-04.30 pm Farmers' interactive session on
Agro techniques of tropical tuber crops

Dr. S. Sunitha

Principal Scientist
ICAR-CTCRI, Thiruvananthapuram

