

SREE KRISHNA COLLEGE GURUVAYUR

Report on the Inauguration of the “Karshaka Sabha and Njaattuvela Chanthayum 2026–27”

The “Karshaka Sabha and Njaattuvela Chanthayum 2026–27”, organized by the Department of Agriculture Development and Farmers' Welfare, Government of Kerala, was inaugurated on 1 July 2026 at 10.00 a.m. at the Mattom Choice Auditorium, Kandanassery Grama Panchayat, Thrissur District.

The programme was inaugurated by **Shri C. G. Raghunath**, President of Chowannur Block Panchayat. The function was presided over by, **Shri M. P. Sajeep** President of Kandanassery Grama Panchayat. The welcome address was delivered by **Dr. Gayathri Rajasekharan**, Agricultural officer, Krishi Bhavan, Kandanassery. The chief guest, **Shri M. Balaji M. Palissery**, Director, Kerala Bank, inaugurated the sapling distribution programme and delivered the inaugural message, emphasizing the importance of scientific farming practices, sustainable agriculture, and the active participation of farmers in agricultural development programmes. During the function, **Shri Jayakrishnan Nambi**, President, Koonammoochi Peoples' Co-operative Bank, and **Smt. Ruby Francis**, President, Mattom Service Co-operative Bank, offered their felicitations. They appreciated the efforts of the Department of Agriculture in organizing programmes that strengthen the farming community and promote sustainable agricultural practices.

As part of this, Mobile soil testing lab was inaugurated by **Dr. Sreeja T. D.**, Head of the Department of Chemistry, Sree Krishna College, Guruvayur. She delivered an informative lecture on the importance of soil testing in agriculture and sustainable farming. Several distinguished guests attended the function and delivered felicitations. Students and teachers from school and college along with representatives of local self-government institutions, officials of the Agriculture Department, and members of the farming community were attended in this programme.

As part of this programme, farmers were provided with technical guidance on sustainable farming practices, scientific cultivation methods, crop management, and government support schemes. Discussions highlighted the importance of promoting eco-friendly agriculture, improving productivity, and ensuring food security through the adoption of modern agricultural technologies. The event also included the distribution of agricultural inputs and awareness materials to farmers. The programme aims to encourage greater farmer participation, strengthen agricultural development, and enhance the adoption of sustainable cultivation practices across the region.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by **Smt. Ajisha K.**, Agricultural assistant, Kandanassery Krishi Bhavan expressing gratitude to the dignitaries, organizers, officials, and participants for their valuable contributions to the successful conduct of the inaugural function. The event marked the beginning of the **Njaattuvela Chantha 2026–27**, reaffirming the commitment of the Department of Agriculture and local self-government institutions to the welfare of farmers and the sustainable development of agriculture in Kerala.