<u>COCONUT WOOD TECHNOLOGY CENTRE - CDB SUPPORTED</u> PROJECT.

An MOU was signed on 31.3.2016 between KAU and the Coconut Development Board (CDB), Kochi for a "Training and technology demonstration project for making value added products from coconut wood" with a total outlay of Rs 52 Lakhs under the project leadership of Dr. E.V. Anoop, Professor, COF. The training envisages setting up a Coconut Wood Technology Demonstration Centre (CWTDC) and development of a Value Chain Model of cocowood extraction, conversion, design, manufacture and sale of cocowood furniture and other value added products so as to provide additional income to the coconut farmers. The CDB has released Rs 27 Lakhs as first instalment of the project and work related to the project such as establishment of an Advanced Coconut Wood Technology Centre (ACWTC) for training in the manufacture of Coconut wood based utility items and development of a portable saw mill for onsite sawing of coconut palm wood is in progress.

