

Karnataka follows Kerala on neera

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KOCHI: Karnataka appears to have taken a cue from Kerala and has decided to amend its Excise Act to allow neera to be tapped and marketed.

A statement issued by the Coconut Development Board here on Tuesday said that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah announced the move to amend the Excise Act in his budget declaration on coconut development in the State and allotted Rs. 1 crore towards the capital for coconut producers' societies for the purpose.

Another Rs. 5 crore had been allocated for coconut processing units, the press release said.