

Stone laid for neera plant

KOCHI: Excise Minister K. Babu laid the foundation stone for the first neera plant in the State at Thottumughom, near Mainagapally. The plant is being set up in 1.5 acres by the Kollam Kaippuzha Coconut Producers' Company at a cost of Rs.20 crore. Apart from Neera, the plant will manufacture edible oil, hair tonic, packaged tender coconut water, coconut cream, coconut powder, biscuit, chocolate, jam and ice-cream. The project is to be completed within two months, according to the Coconut Development Board. - Special Correspondent