

27 coconut projects cleared

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KOCHI: The 43rd meeting of the Project Approval Committee on the Technology Mission on Coconut held here recently under the chairmanship of T.K. Jose, Chairman, Coconut Development Board, cleared 27 projects with an outlay of

Rs.36.46 crore and a subsidy of Rs.6.61crore. These include six research projects and 21 projects on processing and product diversification.

Three Neera projects in Kerala with a capacity to process 26,000 litres of Neera a day were among the projects cleared. Other Kerala-based projects sanctioned in-

clude an integrated coconut processing unit, four desiccated coconut powder units, one virgin coconut oil unit, one tender coconut water preservation and packaging unit, and two ball copra units. Three projects submitted by coconut producer companies of Kerala were among those sanctioned.