

Growers demand Neera corporation

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KOZHIKODE: Demanding action to enable coconut producers to manufacture Neera, a convention of coconut growers here on Thursday urged the government to establish a Neera corporation for the purpose.

After participating in the convention, convener Salim Vattakkandi and chairman P. Pradeepkumar said what surprised the growers was the government decision to start Neera production as a test case in some places. "This is unnecessary and unacceptable because coconut growers of the State are convinced about the advantages of Neera. Moreover, the Coconut Development Board has already prepared a detailed plan for the purpose."

The growers announced the formation of Kerala State Coconut Producers Society to coordinate activities of coconut producers' cooperative societies and put on hold their stir plans since they expected major announcements in favour of coconut growers before August 15.