

## Global symposium for CPCRI centenary fete



The Central Plantation Crops Research Institute (CPCRI) here, celebrating its 100 years of research activities in plantation crops sector, is hosting a international symposium on coconut research and development and Kisan Mela here on December 10.

Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Radha Mohan Singh will inaugurate the centenary park, centenary building and millennium guest house on the day as part of the year-long centenary celebrations, CPCRI Director P. Chowdappa has said.

P. Karunakaran, MP, would preside over the function, scheduled to be addressed by Revenue Minister E. Chandrasekharan who will also release the centenary publication of the research institute, he said.

Anant Kumar Hedge, MP from Karnataka's Uthara Kannada and Nalinkumar Kattil, MP from Dakshina Kannada would also take part in the programme.

The symposium is expected to be attended by eminent scientists and research scholars from across the globe. A four-day Kisan Mela and national-level exhibition with interface programme for the benefit of the farming community would be held from December 10.

Local MLA N.A. Nellikkunnu and district panchayat president A.G.C. Basheer would address the function.