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## Krishi Vigyan Kendra plans fruit gardens on terrace

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The Ernakulam Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), functioning under the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), has come up with a new plan to promote setting up of mini orchards of fruits on the terrace. The aim is to attain self-reliance in the production of toxic-free organic fruits. The plan includes popularising the technology of rearing fruit trees on the terraces of households, creating awareness among the public and ensuring the availability of quality saplings of fruit trees along with technical support.

As part of this, the KVK will organise an exhibition and sales mela at the CMFRI on Tuesday and Wednesday. The technology of setting up of the mini orchards of fruits will be demonstrated to the public at the exhibition. On the occasion, organic farmers who have succeeded in rearing fruit trees on terraces will share their experiences with the people.

Early-bearing quality saplings of fruit trees, including mango, jack, guava, gooseberry, blue berry, sapota, pomegranate, custard apple, cherry, passion fruit and different varieties of water apple and lemon will be available at the sales mela.