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Krishi Vigyan Kendra to promote curry leaf in pots

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Kochi: In a bid to promote cultivation of pesticide-free curry leaves and coriander leaves in balconies and rooftops in the city, the Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Ernakulam, under the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute will conduct a mega sales mela for distributing saplings and seeds at CMFRI on Thursday.

The kit includes one sapling of curry leaf tree, a packet of coriander seeds and a pamphlet that provides instructions on how to grow

them in pots. It will be will be distributed from 10 am to 5 pm on Thursday at the mela. The cost of the kit is Rs. 50.

KVK launched the initiative to spread awareness regarding the highly toxic curry leaves and coriander leaves available in the market and to inculcate the culture of cultivating them on their roof tops and balconies in pots. "The Kerala agriculture university has found that curry leaves and coriander leaves are the most poisonous among the produce coming from the neighbouring States.

The Ernakulam KVK is committed towards creating awareness among the public about the need to start small-scale farming of curry leaves and coriander leaves, which are inevitable part of Malayali cuisine," said Dr Shinoj Subramannian, head, KVK, Ernakulam.

According to him, there is a common misconception that curry leaf trees are not easy to cultivate in cities. "Both curry leaf trees and coriander could be cultivated by growing them in pots," he said.