India to Host 62nd Session and Ministerial Meeting of the International Coconut Community in Kochi from 17 to 20 November 2026

Meeting to facilitate greater cooperation among coconut-producing countries and strengthen collective efforts towards sustainable development of global coconut industry

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India is hosting the 62nd Session and Ministerial Meeting of the International Coconut Community (ICC) from 17 to 20 November 2026 at Kochi, Kerala. The international event is being jointly organised by the Coconut Development Board (CDB), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, and the International Coconut Community (ICC), Jakarta, Indonesia.

Established in 1969 under the aegis of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP), the International Coconut Community is an inter-governmental organisation comprising of coconut-producing countries. It provides a common platform for member countries to deliberate on issues concerning the development of the global coconut sector, promote cooperation and partnerships, and explore opportunities for the sustainable growth of the coconut industry.

The 62nd Session is expected to witness the participation of Shri Ram Nath Thakur, Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, along with Ministers and senior government representatives from ICC member countries across the Asia-Pacific region. Representatives of international organisations, scientists, researchers, industry stakeholders and other distinguished delegates who are also expected to participate in the meeting.

The inaugural programme will be held on 17 November 2026 at Kochi will be inaugurated by Shri Ram Nath Thakur, Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India. Shri Atish Chandra, IAS, Secretary (Agriculture), Government of India, will deliver the Presidential Address.

Special remarks will be delivered by Hon. Anthony Muller, Minister of Natural Resources and Commerce, Marshall Islands; Hon. Tangriki Reete, Associate Minister of Tourism, Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives, Kiribati; and Hon. H.E. Aiolupotea Misa Tony

Aiolupo, Associate Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, Samoa.

As part of the inaugural ceremony, ICC Plaques of Appreciation will be presented in recognition of excellence in the coconut sector under three categories: Best National Coconut Farmer, Outstanding Coconut Scientist/Researcher and Best National Coconut Entrepreneur.

The four-day Session and Ministerial Meeting will provide an important opportunity for member countries to deliberate on key issues relating to the global coconut industry, share experiences and best practices, strengthen international cooperation and explore collaborative approaches to address emerging challenges and opportunities in the sector. The meeting is expected to facilitate greater cooperation among coconut-producing countries and strengthen collective efforts towards the sustainable development of the global coconut industry.

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