

## Rs. 2.5 crore for vegetable cultivation in Kasaragod

### 2, 35,000 vegetable seed sachets to be disbursed

The district has been sanctioned Rs. 2.5 crore under the comprehensive vegetable cultivation project of the Agricultural Development and Farmers Welfare Department. An official press release informing this here on Monday said that 2,35,000 vegetables seed sachets would be disbursed among students, farmers and voluntary organisations in the district under 'Onathinu oru muram pachakkari', a scheme that envisages mass cultivation of vegetables involving families in the State. Seven lakh vegetable saplings would be disbursed free of cost in the district, it added.

Five-hectare clusters have been constituted to promote vegetable cultivation on a commercial basis. Each cluster would be given a financial aid of Rs. 75,000, it said adding that the financial assistance would be given to 75 clusters this year. For cultivation of vegetables on fallow land, Rs. 30,000 would be offered as assistance per hectare, the release said adding that 70 hectares of fallow land in the district would be brought under vegetable cultivation this year. Financial assistance of Rs. 15,000 each would be sanctioned per hectare to all farmers cultivating vegetables on plots not less than 25 cents each. Under this component, Rs. 42.45 lakh was sanctioned for cultivation of vegetables on 283 hectares, the release said.

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