

KVK DHARMAPURI FARMER AWARDED AS HORTICULTURAL INNOVATOR



A farmer belonging to Agaram village of Dharmapuri District, Mr.K.Namanikumar has been recognized as a National Level Horticulture Innovator for designing a turmeric harvester during the conference held on 16th November, 2013 at Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Bangalore. This conference is conducted to recognize the farmers who have put forth their efforts to innovate technologies, which are suitable to their situation or fine tune the existing technology.

To address the problem of labour scarcity and higher cost towards harvest of turmeric during the peak period, he had designed a turmeric harvester which can be attached to a broad bed former with a capacity of 2.5 hours per hectare and is suitable for planting in drip fertigation system. This turmeric harvester, harvesting time and labour requirement cost was reduced by 70 and 60 percent respectively as against the manual method. This harvester was evaluated by the KVK, Pappalapatty