

## Coconut seedling production unit

The farmers of Thiruvavarur district prefers to plant coconut seedlings either as sole crop in orchard or in the bunds of rice fields. Hence, there is a huge demand for coconut seedlings among farmers. To meet this demand coconut seedling production unit has been started at KVK, Thiruvavarur in an area of 25 cents. The coconut seed nuts of a variety, East Coast Tall (ECT) are purchased from Coconut Research Station, Vepankulam for Rs. 30 per seed nut and planted in a raised bed nursery in open place under artificial shade. The nuts start to germinate after 6 to 8 weeks and maintained in the nursery up to 6 months to get well grown sturdy seedlings. These coconut seedlings are sold to the farmers for Rs. 75 per seedling on indent basis.

