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# Ginger processing unit in Wayanad

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**T**HIRUVANANTHAPURAM: The government will soon set up its first ginger processing unit at Meenangadi in Wayanad.

State agriculture department plans to foray into the production of value-added products using agriculture produce with this unit.

National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (NIIST) would provide the technology while Malabar Rural Development Foundation under MILMA would be operating agency of the unit.

"Apart from the marketing of cleaned and waxed ginger, the unit proposes to produce ginger oil and powder using raw ginger procured from farmers in the state. We hope the unit would help Kerala to explore the abundant market for value-added ginger products in domestic as well as foreign markets," said state agriculture director A Ajith Kumar.

The proposal is to set up an integrated spice processing facility capable of processing 7.5 tonnes of fresh ginger a day. Of this, around 4 tonnes would be marketed as cleaned waxed ginger and the rest will be processed for making ginger oil/ginger powder or both.