



WAYANAD COMMUNITY SEED FEST



LOCATION

**Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Kalpatta Municipality

District

Wayanad



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/
Junction**

Kalpetta Town – 6.4 Km

Nearest Bus station

Kalpetta New Bus Stand – 3.9 Km

**Nearest Railway
station**

Kozhikode Railway Station – 76 Km

Nearest Airport

Calicut International Airport – 87 Km



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TIME

DATES

January

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

3 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

The Wayanad Seed Fest is a community seed festival to assess the seed diversity in Wayanad district. The festival is being organised by the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) in association with the Kerala State Biodiversity Board and Seed, an organisation of traditional rice framers in the district. The expected outcome of the Seed Fest is conservation, enhancement and sustainable utilization of the traditional seed diversity of Wayanad and adjoining regions of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve of Western Ghats. Wayanad community Seed Festival is a humble attempt to provide a common platform to facilitate exchange of traditional knowledge and scientific knowledge between the farming and scientific community to usher agro-biodiversity conservation activities. Seed Fest is an ongoing process started in Wayanad in 2015, aims to network with farmers, LSGs and scientists to create democratic spaces and structures to conserve agro-biodiversity. The annual seed festival is also the venue to distribute the regional Genome Savior Awards instituted by Adivasivikasana Samithi to honour the custodian farmers.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Over 30,000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

DESCRIPTION *(How festival is celebrated)*

Agro-biodiversity Exhibit
Award Function
Seminars
Seed Exchange
Food Festival

As many as 25 stalls are put up to showcase the rare collection of gene bank of various crops, including all family farm diversity of hill areas. Traditional seed varieties are exhibited, exchanged, and propagated through seed fest, and policy makers are oriented on the current status and information on seed conservation in the country. The Community Agriculture Biodiversity Conservation award and the best Traditional Rice Farmer Award, instituted by the Wayanad District Tribal Development Committee (WDTDC), a tribal farmer organization nurtured by the MSSRF, to selected tribal farmers on the occasion would be given away. Feature film presentation and photo exhibitions are also part of the festival.

