

FARMERS ALERTED ON STEM WEEVIL ATTACK

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THE Agriculture Department has issued alert against the spread of stem weevil (thandu thurappan) disease in rural areas of the district, following wide spread damage of crops due to the pest attack reported at Kavilumpara and Chakkittapara panchayats.

Officers of the Agriculture Department and Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) visited the disease-affected areas and reviewed the situation. It was found plants of nutmeg, clove, cocoa and jackfruit were severely affected by the pest attack in the area.

The officers have warned farmers to keep high vigil



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against the pest attack. "Drop in temperature due to frequent rain caused the pest attack. To bring the situation under control, preventive steps should be taken on a war footing. If any plant is found attacked by stem weevil, the hole created by the pest should be closed by using tar or a mixture made of mud and neem oil," the Agriculture Department said in a release.