‘Spice cultivators should think globally’

Thiruvananthapuram: Noting that advanced practices with an eye on global standards were key to ensure success in the global market, Governor P Sathasivam said should be encouraged to think globally and make use of the latest farming technologies. Inaugurating the fourth session of Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH) established under Commission (CAC) at Kovalam on Monday, Sathasivam said it was important to help Indian farmers by providing better storage facilities, which in turn would facilitate consistent supply for value addition.

Union minister for commerce & industry Suresh Prabhu wished success to the five-day meet through video conferencing. He said with the implementation of agriculture export policy, much significance has been given to promotion of organic spices’ exports.

Delivering the keynote address, Rita Teaotia, chairperson of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), noted that CCSCH, in previous sessions, succeeded in getting approval of Codex Alimentarius Commission for three standards: black, white and green pepper, cumin and thyme.