

## Job guarantee plan for coir workers

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Coir workers will be brought under a job guarantee scheme akin to the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.

Work for a minimum of 250 days a year will be provided to them under the scheme, according to Finance Minister T.M. Thomas Isaac.

The plan being chalked out by the government envisages procurement of coir made by workers' societies. Coirfed would procure coir at a cost which could be calculated on the basis of the workers' minimum wages, the Minister said at a meeting convened here recently to distribute aid to coir workers.

The State Coir Corporation would distribute the procured coir among small-scale coir manufacturers.

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