## **Pesticide Residue Analysis Laboratory**

- Established in 2017 with an outlay of 293 lakhs
- Funding by RKVY
- Equipped with state of the art analytical equipments like
- 1. Gas chromatograph with triple quadrapoule detector (GC-MS/MS)
- 2. High performance liquid chromatograph (HPLC) coupled to photo diode array and fluorescence detectors
- 3. Gas chromatograph (GC) with electron capture detector coupled to electron capture detector and flame photometric detector
- Developed and validated method for analysis of organochlorine, organophosphate, carbamate and synthetic pyrethroid group of pesticides in fruits and vegetables
- Multiresidue analytical method for analysis of 13 pesticides in fruits and vegetables
- Farm gate samples, market samples, samples from organic shops from Ernakulam, Thrissur, Malappuram and Palakkad are drawn and analysed routinely
- The reports are provided to Government of Kerala
- On an average 150 samples are analysed per month and till date 1764 samples were analysed from January, 2018 onwards
- Facility is utilised by farmers and officials of Department of Agriculture for testing their produce
- Post graduate students of College of Horticulture utilises this facility for their research programmes and also for practical sessions
- Laboratory is also equipped with instruments such as spectrophotometer, homogenizer, nitrogen evaporator, refrigerated centrifuge, rotary vacuum evaporator, deep freezers, hot air oven, muffle furnace, etc.