

# Union minister urges people to buy Karthumbi umbrellas

**Kottayam (Kerala), June 30:** Union minister George Kurian on Sunday urged people to buy Karthumbi umbrellas, made by tribal women of Attappady in the state, soon after Prime Minister Narendra Modi mentioned it in his *Mann Ki Baat* radio address.

The Prime Minister, during his address, said these colourful umbrellas, made by the tribal sisters of Kerala, were strikingly

splendid and its demand is rising across the country.

After watching “Mann Ki Baat” at a local resident’s house in Kanakkary, his home village here, Kurian said Modi’s reference to the Karthumbi Umbrella showed his special interest towards the southern state.

“The Karthumbi Umbrellas are made by our tribal sisters of Attappady. I think all peo-

ple should buy one umbrella to help our tribal sisters,” he told reporters. The minister of state for fisheries watched the Prime Minister’s *Mann Ki Baat* along with other BJP workers.

Earlier, in his address, Modi said that these umbrellas are made under the supervision of ‘Vattalakki Cooperative Farming Society’. This society is led by our woman power, he said. — PTI