

**Training programme cum Front Line Demonstration on Humpsore treatment to improve reproduction and production performances in cattle**

Hump sore is a common problem, affecting the cattle and buffaloes in Andaman and Nicobar islands. This is caused by a filarial worm carried by the flies. This skin disease last for many days or even for years which causes stress, loss of milk yield, infertility and brings deformities to skin in the animals. To control and manage the disease, Animal Science Division and KVK South Andaman, ICAR-CIARI along with NABARD, Port Blair has jointly organized 5 days training programme. A total of 16 progressive farmers from different villages of South Andaman have participated in this training which created awareness and brought knowledge for Humpsore management. Chief Guest, Dr. V. Mashar, G.M., NABARD on inaugural day appreciated the scientists for taking up need based research and efforts to manage Humpsore which is one of the major problem in animal in these islands. Chairman of this training and Director, ICAR-CIARI, Dr. B. A. Jerard has congratulated the team of scientists and expressed his happiness over the positive feedback received from the farmers. He lauded that team of scientists will be available for farmers to solve this and other problems in the agricultural practices. Dr. B. A. Jerard urged the trained farmers to disseminate this knowledge to at least one farmer in their circle. Dr. A. Kundu, HOD, Animal Science Division and Co-chairman of this training, told about need to treat Humpsore and appreciated the team of scientists (Dr. D. Bhattacharya, Dr. P.Perumal, Dr. S. K. Ravi, Dr. A K. De) for their consultancies to the farmers and team spirit. Dr. S. K. Zamir Ahmed, Dr. D. Bhattacharya, Dr. Jai Sunder, Dr. L.B. Singh, Dr. P.A. Bala, Dr. A.K. De, Dr. S.K. Ravi, Dr. R.R. Alyethodi, Dr. K. Muniswamy and Dr. P. Perumal have delivered their talks in various aspects of Humpsore starting from prevalence to treatment and control and its economic impact on dairy farms. Course Directors, Dr. P. Perumal and Dr. L.B. Singh, have made arrangements for experts, farm visits and coordinated the activities. Farmers were provided knowledge on cause and spread of Humpsore, ways to control this and therapy being practiced by the veterinarians. Dr. S. K. Zamir Ahmed I/C, Social Science section and Dr. Jai Sunder, I/C PME Cell and Dr. T. Sujatha, I/c ITMU Cell were present on these occasions. Dr. Harapriya Nayak, SMS (Home Science) assisted in coordination of activities; Dr S.K Ravi has coordinated the inauguration and valedictory functions while vote of thanks given by Dr. A.K. De. Protocols of COVID 19 were followed while deliberations and organizing the functions during this training programme.