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Roof top production model for horticultural crops in urban areas launched

Seeds and planting materials distributed

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ICAR-CIARI in collaboration with NABARD, Port Blair, launched the project on 'Horticulture based sustainable roof top production model for nutritional and livelihood security of urban households of Andaman Islands' in 3 Public sector units and 5 households at different places of South Andaman. The project was inaugurated at Department of Defence, Brichgunj under the chairmanship of Dr. Eaknath B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR -CIARI and Shri Manoj Kumar, GM, NABARD



along with Project Coordinator, Dr. V. Baskaran, Principal Scientist, ICAR-CIARI and scientists team. The grow bags and other agricultural inputs

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were supplied to the beneficiaries which were arranged in roof tops for establishment of horticulture production model including vegetables (major component), flowers, fruits, medicinal plants and spices.

The project aims at production of organic products for daily consumption by the households.

The project is also established in ANCOL and Chinmaya Mission to popularize the technology among students and public. The scientist team also visited the households at Prothrapur, Birdline, Teylerabad, Phoenix Bay and the planting material and seeds of vegetables were distributed to the beneficiaries. Technical advises and guidance were provided to the beneficiaries which includes the package of practices and organic management of pests and diseases. The beneficiaries shared their experience of growing organic horticulture crops at their rooftops and expressed their happiness about the benefits of this roof top horticulture production model, a press release received from In-charge, PME Cell said.

