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Training on cultivation & value addition of cut flowers for entrepreneurship development in A&N Islands held

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ICAR-CIARI in collaboration with NABARD, Port Blair organized three days training on 'Cultivation and value addition of cut flowers for entrepreneurship development in A & N Islands' at Namunagar Panchayat hall for the SHG beneficiaries of Surabi NGO from Nov.9. The programme was inaugurated by Shri Manoj, General Manager, NABARD in the presence of Dr. Augustine B. Jerard, HoD, ICAR-CIARI as guest of honour. A total of 41 SHG members attended the training programme which was organized under the chairmanship of Dr. Eaknath B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI.

During the training programme, cultivation aspects of different commercial flowers were dealt by Course Coordinators, Dr. V. Baskaran, Dr. K. Abirami, Dr. K. Venkatesan and Dr. T.



Subramani. The final day of the training programme, the trainees were given hands on training for preparation of different value-added products like bouquet making, flower arrangements, dry flower card making and use of flower petals for preparation of herbal tea. The marketing opportunities and key strategies for online sale of products were explained in detail by Dr. S. K. Zamir Ahmed, Principal Scientist, ICAR-CIARI. On the

participants prepared various value-added products of commercial flowers and were evaluated by team of scientists from ICAR-CIARI and NABARD officials. Based on the scientific techniques learnt and creativity used, the value-added products were evaluated and prizes were distributed to the winners, a press release from CIARI said.

5,18,034 doses of vaccines ...

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Middle Andaman District, out of which, 12 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44. 42 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District. A total of 1,74,356 eligible people in the age group of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till date. Meanwhile, the Vaccination Centres will remain open in South Andaman tomorrow (Nov. 14), a press release from DHS said.