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## Success story of roof top production model for horticultural crops established in South Andaman

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The ICAR-CIARI in collaboration with NABARD, Port Blair, has implemented 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 6 households at different places of South Andaman.

Various horticulture crops like vegetables, spices, flowers and medicinal plants are grown by the beneficiaries in grow bags using organic media. This roof top production model is highly successful in all the places of implementation and the benefits are being harnessed by the beneficiaries. To popularize this "Roof top production technology", a field day was organized by ICAR-CIARI under the Chairmanship of Director, ICAR-CIARI, Dr. Eaknath B. Chakurkar, in which 20 women SHG members witnessed and had interaction with successful beneficiaries of the project. Officials from NABARD and Department of



Agriculture also distributed to the students and staff.

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In ANCOL College, Port Blair, Principal, Dr Jayakumar explained about the involvement of students in establishment of horticulture crops in grow bags in organic way and the products are harvested and

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