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## CIARI interacts with farmers of Karen Community at Webi

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The ICAR-CIARI interacted with custodian farmers of Karen Community at Karen Welfare Community hall, Webi, Mayabunder on Oct. 20, 2021 in which 22 farmers of the area participated. Rev. Saw Saytha on behalf of Karen community briefed about the efforts taken by the CIARI in projecting Karen rice landraces at National level which has brought a lot of fame to the community.

The chief guest, Dr. Eaknath B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI, placed on record the efforts taken by community in setting up seed gene bank for conservation of seeds with the award money. He highlighted on the importance of conservation of landraces and its cultivation. Dr. P. K. Singh, Principal

Scientist and Head (I/c), CIARI, spoke about importance of conservation of farmer's variety and its role in crop improvement programs. Dr. Y. Ramakrishna, Principal Scientist and Head, KVK ANI, Dr. Jai Sunder, Principal Scientist, CIARI also spoke on the occasion.

At the outset, Zamir Ahmed, Principal Scientist and In-charge, Social Science Section, ICAR-CIARI, welcomed the gathering and briefed about the Plant Genome Saviour awarded to Karen rice varieties and its registration as Farmers variety in 2016 under Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Rights Authority (PPVFRA), New Delhi which was facilitated by scientific team of ICAR-CIARI, a press release received from In-charge, PME Cell said.

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