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Women SHG members enlightened on horticultural diversity for nutrition and livelihood

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Eighty members of the women Self-Help Groups from Tushnabad and Ferrargunj visited ICAR-CIARI through Surabhi on November 25, 2021 as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. In order to promote cultivation of island suitable spices and underutilized fruits among the farm women, creation of awareness is important and in this regard, Horticultural Plants Propagation Unit of the ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair has a dedicated nursery. This nursery also serves as a source of information to the visitors and thereby encouraging them to take up the cultivation.

During the visit, Dr. Ajit Waman, Scientist, ICAR-



CIARI explained to the participants about various spices, aromatic and medicinal plants suitable for cultivation in the Islands. Production technologies for cinnamon, lemon grass, tejpati, bush pepper, long pepper, woody pepper etc. were explained to the participants during the session.

Dr. Pooja Bohra, Scientist, ICAR-CIARI enlightened the gathering about the diversity of underutilized fruits of the Islands.

Nutritional benefits from consumption of these fruits and scope for value addition of the local species were also explained to them. During the interaction, participants were made aware about the production techniques of underutilized fruits such as blood fruit, Andaman Kokum, Kauphal, Andaman Kauphal, West Indian cherry, passion fruit, bilimbi, breadnut etc., a press release from CIARI said.