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Light rainfall very likely over Port Blair. Partly cloudy sky. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30°C and 26°C respectively on Sunday 08/08/2021.

Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 30.1  
Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 25.4  
Relative Humidity(%) at 0830 IST: 097  
Relative Humidity(%) at 1730 IST: 085  
Sunrise time on 08.08.2021 (in IST): 0508  
Sunset time on 08.08.2021 (in IST): 1742  
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs): in mm: 014.7  
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 001.2  
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 21 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm: 1876.2 mm

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## Vision 2047: 'Free food to All' by planting saplings of fruits & vegetables Chief Secretary visits CIARI Complex, Bathubasti and World Coconut Germplasm Centre, Sippighat

### Directs to provide 10 lakh Moringa, 10 lakh Jackfruit and Papaya, Banana, Bhel saplings for planting alongside the roads in A&N Islands

Impart training to field functionaries of Agriculture Department on artificial pollination techniques of Dragon Fruit • Instructs to cultivate Andaman Kokum fruit crop to increase income of farmers • Farmers should be given training on vermi-compost and seaweed compost so that they can do organic farming • 'Spice garden' at World Coconut Germplasm Centre should be developed as tourist destination

Port Blair, Aug 7

The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Jitendra Narain today visited CIARI Complex, Bathubasti and World Coconut Germplasm Centre, Sippighat. During his visit to CIARI Complex, the Chief Secretary interacted with the scientists and they briefed about their field of work. He visited the Experimental Plot of Heliconia maintained by Horticulture Department and was apprised of the different varieties of Heliconia family. He directed the staff of Agriculture Department to plant different varieties in the Departmental



Farms. The Director, CIARI was directed to impart weeklong training on scientific planting and maintaining of flower plants to every staff of Agriculture Department. He visited Dragon Fruit Garden where he was briefed about the benefits of dragon fruits & its varieties. He was informed



about how the pollination is being done by hand at night. The Chief Secretary appreciated the work done in this regard by the team and instructed to conduct training programme for the field functionaries of Agriculture Department about artificial pollination techniques.



Thereafter, the Chief Secretary visited the Piggery Farm maintained in the complex by CIARI and was apprised about the different breeds of the pigs being reared which included the Andaman Pig and Nicobari Pig. The scientist described about its advantages over the breeds in mainland.

The Chief Secretary was apprised of the Vermicompost and Sea Weed compost being produced by CIARI and he desired that training should be given to all the farmers on this so that they can do organic farming. He visited the integrated crop management area maintained in the complex and was

explained about the benefits of the integrated crop management and how the farmers can get income from one or other crop from the integrated crop management system. The Chief Secretary noticed that there is still vacant space available in the area and directed the

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Director, CIARI to utilize the area. He also visited the spices nursery, flower and fruit nursery and was apprised of the different varieties of spices, flowers and fruits which are being maintained at the nursery and that the farmers from different areas are visiting the nursery for their requirement and that they are benefitted from the nursery. CS directed that Andaman Kokum fruit crop should be cultivated in the islands to increase the income of the farmers. The Chief Secretary also enquired about the number of indigenous fruits which can be grown for the benefit of the farmers. He also visited the Saline Water Paddy Crop Management Unit and was apprised of the benefits of the same and how the paddy can be grown in the saline water. This centre is one of the three centre in India where saline water paddy crop cultivation is managed. He advised the CIARI Director to grow algae at the Centre.

Later, the Chief Secretary visited World Coconut Germplasm Centre, Sippighat and planted a coconut palm in the farm premises. During his visit, he was apprised of the 30 different varieties of coconut introduced in the centre. The Chief Secretary appreciated the work done in this regard by CIARI and directed the Director, CIARI to include the recently developed four varieties and also asked to put on the board for the year 2021-22. The Chief Secretary was impressed by the management being done by CIARI in the centre by planting different varieties of flowers, fruits, spices and other crops. He directed Director (RD) to provide support to CIARI for making the Centre, a tourist destination by convergence with Tourism and Rural Development Department. CS directed to name the destination as 'Tour of CIARI Spice Garden'. He asked the Director, CIARI to plant flower trees alongside the roads and naming of the same and creating suitable pathways, planting flowering plants alongside of the pathways, establishing resting point, benches, selfie points, cafeteria etc. He directed the Director, CIARI to complete the work by December, 2021 so that it can be included in the tourism circuit and can start by January, 2022 and the Director, CIARI assured that it will be done. He directed to construct Nicobari huts on two-three points, cafeteria, toilet block alongwith viewpoints & selfie points at different places for the tourists in convergence with Tourism & Rural Development Department. He desired to establish Nakshatra Garden (Astro- themed garden) at the Centre to attract the tourists and local visitors. CS directed the Director CIARI to plant flower trees on the hills on the two sides of the entry gate to give attractive look of the Centre. He also directed to renovate the office building at the entry point to make it attractive.

Further, the Chief Secretary directed the Director, CIARI to provide 10 lakh Moringa saplings, 10 lakh Jackfruit saplings and Papaya saplings, Banana saplings, Bhel saplings for planting alongside the roads in the Islands and the Director assured to provide it. He directed to provide articles on different varieties of fruits and flowers and other crops which are being maintained / innovated by the CIARI for its wider publicity in newspaper for the benefit of the islanders. The article should contain the name and phone number of the Scientist, so that needy person can contact them for their requirement.