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## CIARI, KVKs conduct Farmers Scientists interface, screens live telecast of PM interaction with innovative farmers

PORT BLAIR, SEPT 29/-- / Central Island Agricultural Research Institute along with three ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra organized screening of live telecast of Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi address to farmers & scientists of our country and launch mass awareness campaign for large scale dissemination of climate resilient technologies & methods on 28th September, 2021. During the programme, Prime Minister, interacted with five innovative farmers from different parts of the country and dedicated 35 new climate resilient crop varieties along with ICAR-National Institute of Biotic Stress Management, Raipur, Chhattisgarh to the nation. On the occasion, Prime Minister, distributed Green Campus Awards to four (4) Agriculture Universities. Mr Narendra Singh Tomar,



Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare and Mr Bhupesh Baghel, Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh also gave their remarks in the programme. Earlier, Dr Eaknath B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair presided over the offline Farmers-Scientist Interaction on climate adaptation and mitigation at ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair. He explained the farming community about various climate resilient practices and methods developed by ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair and are suitable to the agro climatic conditions of these fragile island ecosystem. Dr.

Debasis Bhattacharya, Dr. Y. Ramakrishna, Dr. T. P. Swarnam and Dr. P. K. Singh also interacted with the farming communities gathered on the occasion. A film show on Climate Resilient agricultural practices adopted under "National Innovation on Climate Resilient Agriculture" project implemented by ICAR-KVK, Port Blair was screened. Similar programmes were also conducted at ICAR-KVK, Nicobar and Nimbudera. A total of 166 farmers from Andaman & Nicobar Islands participated in the programme.