

Planting of saplings of fruit bearing and other endemic trees mark commemoration of ICAR's Foundation Day

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ICAR- Central Island Agricultural Research Institute, Port Blair celebrated 93rd

Foundation Day today by conducting a campaign on mass tree planting and awareness programme on the theme 'Har Med Par Ped'. At the outset, Director, Dr. Eaknath B. Chakurkar of CIARI, Port Blair highlighted the role of Central Island Agricultural Research Institute, Port Blair in providing

technical backstopping in Agri-hort-fish-animal husbandry for enabling doubling of the farmers income for decent livelihood in coordination with A&N



Administration.

Thereafter, mass planting of fruit bearing trees was undertaken on boundaries/bunds, off the farm land and premises of CIARI.

Around 650 plants comprising of endemic plants like Andaman Kokum, Andaman Kau Phal, Wild jackfruit, Nicobar Mangosteen, orange kau phal-rare,

besides banana, aonla, guava, khatta phal, bilimbi, west indian cherry, sapota, bread fruit, bread nut, gajapippali, acid lime, neem, moringa, subabul, karanj, sea mahua and bamboo were planted to aid 'Go Green' initiative benefitting the tropical Island Ecosystem, a press release from CIARI said.