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Conducts EMF radiation awareness session

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The need for telecom services has gone up in an unprecedented manner in recent times. There is an immediate need for faster expansion of telecom infrastructure in A&N Islands. This calls for speedy deployment of towers to expand the coverage. DoT has planned to provide 4G mobile coverage by installing 128 towers for covering 85 uncovered villages and along NH-04 in A&N Islands. However, due to misconceptions and misinformation, public at some locations are apprehensive whenever a tower is proposed in the vicinity of residence etc.

DoT A&N team conducted an EMF awareness session today at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Sippighat to create awareness and dispel myths about concerns concerning EMF emissions from mobile towers among farmers



group of KVK. The session was inaugurated by Shri KP Mohan, Deputy Director General, DoT and attended by Officers from KVK and farmers.

A presentation was given by Shri Atul Kumar Kareliya, Director Telecom, DoT, it was informed that Government of India has adopted stringent norms by adopting 1/10th of the prescribed International EMF radiation limit. DoT has also created a mechanism to ensure that radiation limits from telecom towers are maintained by all telecom service providers (TSPs) within limits. All TSPs have to give periodic self

certificates to this effect and DoT field offices have been mandated to audit 10% BTS every year. Further, it was informed that so far, DoT A&N has tested 361 out of 744 BTS till 26th April, 2022 in Andaman and Nicobar UT and found radiation level for all tested towers are well within the permissible radiation level.

Apart from this, DoT has created a portal www.tarangsanchar.gov.in wherein there is a provision for the general public to see the radiation level of towers in their vicinity by entering their area postal PIN code, a press release from DoT A&N said.