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## ICAR-CIARI conducts Field Day on HYV of pulses under AICRP seed (crop)

**PORT BLAIR, APRIL 8/--** / Pulses (mung and urd bean) are an important crop grown in rice fallow during rabi season in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Improved varieties played a vital role in enhancing yield. In this regard, ICAR-CIARI have developed high yielding varieties (five in mung and two in urd) for the island conditions. These pulses varieties were demonstrated at Garacharma farm.

ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute has conducted a "Field day on High yielding pulses varieties of rice fallow under AICRP Seed

(crop) project" at Garacharma farm of CIARI on 08-04-2022.

During the field day program, Dr. S. K. Zamir Ahmed, Principal Scientist & In-Charge of Social Science of ICAR-CIARI highlighted the importance of pulses in soil and human health. Dr. Y. Ramakrishna, Head, KVK, Sippighat advocated pulses cultivation in the islands. The improved high yielding CIARI varieties of mung and urd were described by Dr. P. K. Singh, Principal Scientist & Head of Division of FCIP, ICAR-CIARI., Dr. K. Venkatesan, Scientist briefed about role

& importance of quality seed in pulses production and Dr. N. Bommayasamy, SMS, KVK, Sippighat facilitated the field visit of participants. A total of 26 people comprising 5 females and 21 males from different parts of Guptapara, Manjeri and Chouldari villages appreciated the work of the scientific team and gave their preference on the best performing varieties in the category of both mung and urad during the programme for its up-scaling. The programme was conducted under the plan and guidance of Dr. E. B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI.