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## Awareness on “Control of Flies to Improve Productivity and Reproductive Performance in Livestock” Held

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**Port Blair, March 24:** A training programme was organized on “Control of flies to improve productivity and reproductive performance in livestock” by ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute, Port Blair at New Bimblitan, South Andaman on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 at New Bimblitan, with the theme Control of flies to improve productivity and reproductive performance in livestock.

Dr. D. Bhattacharya, Pr Scientist elucidated the major parasitic diseases of cattle and goats prevailing in the Islands, their management and control measures to increase animal productivity. Dr. P.A. Bala detailed about the calcium supplementation to curb the effect of parasitism on livestock and optimize their production.

Dr. Baljit Kaur, Senior Veterinary Officer, Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services addressed on scientific livestock rearing and coordinated the gathering harmoniously for successful completion of the training.

Dr. P. Perumal stressed on cattle management and importance of indigenous herbs and calcium to reduce the losses incurring due to mal-management and parasitism.

Demonstration on fly control was also shown to farmers. The farmers were distributed with Calcium supplements (Phytocalcium-1 litre each) for their livestock. The occasion was graced by the village Ward member Mr. M. Kalaiselvam, who thanked the team of scientists and the Senior Veterinary Officer, for their efforts and urged to conduct such programmes frequently with much more inputs and knowledge to enlighten the villagers with modern livestock farming practices.

The training culminated with the assurance that similar type of trainings to be conducted at this venue in near future on need and demand basis.