

Programme on Biological Control of House Fly and Mosquito: A Novel Eco-Friendly Effort With the Aid of NABARD

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Port Blair, Mar 02: ICAR-CIARI started its campaign on biological control of house fly and mosquito at New Bimbilitan, South Andaman. To initiate the campaign a training programme was conducted from 28th February to 2nd March, 2023 under a NABARD funded project on “Control of in refugia and in-house invasive flies of livestock in organized and unorganized herds of South Andaman District ”. The training was a joint venture of ICAR-CIARI and the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, A & N Administration. The training was initiated with a brief note on the importance of flies and mosquitoes which was narrated by Dr. Debasis Bhattacharya, Principal Investigator of the project. Dr. Jai Sunder, Principal Scientist and Head, Division of Animal Science, ICAR-CIARI explained the role of fly for transmission of zoonotic diseases and also explained in brief about the amenities available with the Division of Animal Science. Further, Dr. Perumal Ponraj, Senior Scientist, elaborately imparted training on probable causes of infertility in cattle and goats. Dr. P.A. Bala, Senior Scientist briefed about the effect of the plane of nutrition to avoid parasitic infestation. Dr. Arun Kumar De Senior Scientist briefed about the management of livestock for improving productivity. The training programme was coordinated by Dr. Baljit Kaur Senior Veterinary Officer, Veterinary Hospital, Garacharma for conducting lectures and live practical demonstration. The training was attended by 28 local farmers and they were provided with commercial preparation of *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis*, the biological weapon to control mosquitoes and flies.