

# Vegetable Cultivation under Coconut Plantation Conducts by RS Minicoy

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Port Blair, Mar 02: Regional Station, Minicoy of ICAR-CIARI Port Blair, conducted a “Field Day on Vegetable cultivation (Cabbage & Cauliflower) under coconut plantation” for the tribal farmers of Minicoy on 1st March 2023.

Speaking on the inaugural occasion, the Chief Guest Dr Shrikant R. Tapdiya, the Deputy Collector of Minicoy expressed his happiness on the ICAR-CIARI Regional station technologies for vegetable farming and nutritious kitchen garden. A total of 15 participants including 12 men and 3 farm women from Funhilol, Fallessery, Aoumogu, Bada, Rammedu, and South Bandaram attended the field day in which they were exposed to a scientific cabbage & cauliflower cultivation at the institute farm.

The scientific team comprising of Dr. Gladston Y. and Dr. Ajina S. M. interacted with the farmers and impressed upon the package of practices for organic Cabbage & Cauliflower cultivation under coconut plantation during the season. As cabbage & Cauliflower is one of the highly demanded vegetable in Lakshadweep islands, the farmers were highly fascinated by this potential crop and its farming, which can be successful to earn high returns in short period of time. A total of 98 fully matured cabbages and 18 fully matured cauliflowers were harvested in the presence of the Deputy Collector, Minicoy and officials of the Department of Agriculture, Minicoy Unit Mr. Kunjikoya. A total of 12 men and women farmers participated. Dr. Gladston Y, & Dr. Ajina S.M Convener, Mr. Shareefuddeen Hassan & Mr. Arif M.I, Dr.S.K. Zamir Ahmed, Nodal Officer, Lakshadweep coordinated the overall conduct of the programme under the Chairmanship of Dr. Eaknath B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair.