

## Scientific team of ICAR visits Perka, Tapoiming and Chukchucha villages of Car Nicobar conducts capacity building programmes for Nicobari tribal farmers

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Port Blair, Nov 13: A scientific team of ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute, Garacharma visited Perka, Tapoiming and Chukchucha villages of Car Nicobar between Oct.30 & Nov.5,2023 and conducted capacity building programmes for Nicobari tribal farmers on 'Climate resilient Agricultural Practices for Island based Cropping System'. During the programme, Dr. I. Jaisankar, Senior Scientist (Ago Forestry) explained about the use of multipurpose tree species for efficient resource utilization, conservation of endemic plant biodiversity to mitigate the impact of climate change, scientific tuber crops cultivation, tuber crops based farming system, CIARI technologies and organic waste management. Dr. Santosh Kumar, Senior Scientist & Head, KVK, Nicobar explained about the package of practices of potential vegetable crops for a nutritious kitchen garden and its nursery management. About 191 farmers from 3 villages participated in this series of awareness-cum-training programmes. All were given farm implements such as crow bar, pick axe, spade, axe and PVC coated wire mesh for strengthening the farm. Besides, the livestock farmers were given deworming medicines and vitamin tonic for health and management of the farm animals. As part of the demonstration, two Dweep-vertigrow technologies were established at two villages for its further scaling up.

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