

ICAR-CIARI and DAHVS organises training programme for Nicobarese tribals of Harminderbay, Little Andaman

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Port Blair, Dec 13: A training programme, "Balanced ration and total mixed ration preparation for goats and pigs under Scheduled Tribe Component," was organised by ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute, Port Blair, in collaboration with the Directorate of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, A&N Administration, at Harminderbay village, Little Andaman, from December 7-9, 2023. Dr. P.A. Bala, Dr. Arun Kumar De, and Dr. P. Perumal, senior scientists from ICAR-CIARI, and Dr. Parag Deori, senior veterinarian officer at HutBay, were the resource persons. A total of 100 participants, mainly tribal youngsters from different parts of the village, attended the programme. Mr. Andrew Mosses, captain, and Mr. Festus, secretary of the tribal council, graced the occasion. They encouraged the participants to interact with the scientists and take maximum advantage of the programme. Dr. Bala explained in detail the role of livestock in livelihood security. Dr. De described scientific pig rearing practices, health, nutrition, and housing management. Dr. Perumal explained the reproductive management, care, and management of pregnant and newly borne animals. Dr. Parag Deori described the importance of health management to improve animal productivity, emphasising the importance of deworming. Demonstrations on deworming, feeding of oral iron supplements, and mineral mixture supplements were also conducted. Inputs such as feed supplements, vitamin tonics, and mineral mixtures were distributed to the beneficiaries. Mr. Andrew Mosses and Mr. Festus thanked the ICAR-CIARI and DAHVS for conducting the programme and urged them to arrange more programmes in the future.

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