

# ICAR-CIARI Organized Two Awareness Programmes on Aquatic Animal Disease Surveillance and Mud Crab Culture and Fattening

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Port Blair, Feb 16: ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute organized two awareness programmes on “National Surveillance Programme for Aquatic Animal Diseases (NSPAAD)” and “Scope of Mud Crab Culture and Fattening in Andaman Islands” on 15th February, 2023 at Guptapara of South Andaman. A total of about 35 farmers attended the awareness programmes and participated in the interactive sessions covering the aspects on aquatic animal diseases and its management, better management practices in aquaculture, scope of mud crab culture and fattening in Andaman Islands and significance of mobile apps in fisheries and aquaculture. During the programme, the queries raised by the farmers were also addressed by the scientific team.

In his address, Mr. Durlav Das, Pradhan, Guptapara panchayat appreciated the efforts of ICAR-CIARI to conduct such programmes benefitting the farmers of Guptapara Panchayat. The programme was conducted and coordinated by Dr. S.K. Zamir Ahmed, Head I/c, Division of Fisheries Science, Dr. R. Kiruba Sankar, Senior Scientist, Dr. K. Saravanan, Scientist, Dr. J. Praveenraj, Scientist and Dr. D. Karunakaran, Scientist under the overall guidance of Dr. E.B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI, and Port Blair.