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Programme on biological control of house fly and mosquito: a novel eco-friendly effort with the aid of NABARD

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ICAR-CIARI started its campaign on biological control of house fly and mosquito at New Bimblitan, South Andaman. To initiate the campaign, a training programme was conducted from Feb. 28 to Mar. 2, 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 conducted as a joint venture of ICAR-CIARI and Department of

Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, A&N Administration.

Dr. Debasis Bhattacharya, Principal Investigator of the project explained the importance of fly and mosquitoes. Dr. Jai Sunder, Principal Scientist and Head, Division of Animal Science, ICAR-CIARI explained the role of fly for transmission of zoonotic diseases.

Further, Dr. Perumal Ponraj, Senior Scientist, imparted training on probable causes of infertility in cattle and goat. Dr. P.A. Bala, Senior Scientist briefed about

effect of 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. The training was attended by 28 local farmers who were provided with commercial preparation of Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis, the biological weapon to control mosquitoes and flies, a press release from CIARI said.