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## Awareness training-cum- pulses seed distribution held at N&M Andaman

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An awareness training-cum-pulses seed distribution programme was organised at Basantipur and Dashrathpur Gram Panchayats of North & Middle Andaman district by ICAR-KVK, North & Middle Andaman in order to promote high yielding varieties of CARI Mung and CARI Urd in selected farmers field under CFLD on Dec.14 & 15, 2023. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Eaknath B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair in the presence of Shri Ramkrishna Roy, Pradhan, Basantipur.

In his address, Dr. Chakurkar, highlighted the recent advances in research and importance of pulses cultivation in rice-fallow situation for



improving the organic matter content and nutrient status of soil.

Dr. P.K. Singh, Pr. Scientist discussed in detail about scientific cultivation of pulses. Dr. V. Damodaran, Senior Scientist & Head, ICAR-KVK, N i m b u d e r a motivated the farmers to adopt the improved varieties of pulses developed and released from ICAR-CIARI. Quality pulse seed of improved varieties viz. CARI Mung-2 & 3 and CARI Urd-1 were distributed to selected farmers of Basantipur and Dashrathpur Gram panchayats for demonstration of pulses under CFLD

for enhancing the production and profitability.

The Director, CIARI and the team of scientists visited farmer's field of Shri Nirmal Samaddar to monitor the performance of hermetic bag in comparison to the traditional storage of paddy grains, fresh water aquaculture and poultry farming activities etc undertaken at his farm. They also visited the progressive farmer's field of Shri Muniyandi at Rangat and Shri Balaram Mistry at Parnashala village, a press release from CIARI said.