

Vegetable cultivation under coconut plantation conducted by RS Minicoy

PORT BLAIR, MARCH 2/--/ The Regional Station, Minicoy of ICAR-CIARI Port Blair, conducted a "Field Day on Vegetable cultivation (Cabbage & Cauliflower) under coconut plantation" for the tribal farmers of Minicoy on 1st March 2023.

Speaking on the inaugural occasion, the chief guest Dr Shrikant R. Tapdiya, the Deputy Collector of Minicoy expressed his happiness on the ICAR-CIARI Regional station technologies for vegetable farming and nutritious kitchen garden. A total of 15 participants including 12 men and 3 farm women from Funhilol, Fallessery, Aoumogu, Bada, Rammedu, and South Bandaram attended the field day in which they were exposed to a scientific cabbage & cauliflower cultivation at the institute farm.

The scientific team comprising



of Dr. Gladston Y. and Dr. Ajina S. M. interacted with the farmers and impressed upon the package of

practices for organic Cabbage & Cauliflower cultivation under coconut plantation during the

season. As cabbage & Cauliflower is one of the highly demanded vegetable in Lakshadweep islands, the farmers were highly fascinated by this potential crop and its farming, which can be successful to earn high returns in short period of time. A total of 98 numbers fully matured cabbage and 18 number fully matured cauliflower were harvested in the presence of Deputy Collector, Minicoy and officials of Department of Agriculture, Minicoy Unit Shri. Kunjikoya. A total of 12 men and 3 women farmers participated. Dr. Gladston Y. & Dr. Ajina S.M Convener, Shri Shareefuddeen Hassan & Shri Arif M.I., Dr. S.K. Zamir Ahmed, Nodal Officer, Lakshadweep coordinated the overall conduct of programme under the Chairmanship of Dr. Eaknath B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair.