

Training on ICT Applications in Agriculture and Allied Sectors and live viewing of the first episode of Krishi Choupal at ICAR-KVK CIAR Nicobar

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Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec 09: A one-day training programme on "Introduction to ICT Applications in Agriculture and Allied Sectors" was successfully conducted at ICAR-KVK Nicobar, CIARI. The training aimed to enhance participants' understanding of ICT tools and their applications in agriculture to improve productivity and efficiency. Twenty five participants from Car Nicobar attended the training. The event emphasized the role of ICT in bridging the gap between farmers and scientific knowledge. Participants were introduced to various digital platforms and tools that assist decision-making, resource management, and access to market information. A key feature of the program was the live viewing of the first episode of "Krishi Choupal," an initiative by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, and the Department of Agricultural Research and Education, in collaboration with Doordarshan and All India Radio. The "Krishi Choupal" series aims to provide farmers with a unique platform for technology dissemination through recorded farmer-scientist interactions. The episode featured discussions on innovative practices, challenges faced by farmers, and solutions offered by agricultural experts. The training focused on the integration of ICT in extension services and the role of initiatives like "Krishi Choupal" in strengthening knowledge transfer. Participants expressed enthusiasm for adopting ICT tools and appreciated the collaborative approach to solving field-level challenges. The programme concluded with an interactive session, where farmers shared their feedback and sought clarifications on ICT applications. The initiative reaffirmed ICAR-KVK Nicobar's commitment to empowering farmers with technology-driven solutions. The technical sessions were coordinated by Dr. Santosh Kumar, Senior Scientist & Head, ICAR-KVK Nicobar and led by subject matter specialists Mr. Deepoo Meena, Mr. Ajmal S., Mr. Sanketh G.D., and Dr. Akshay. The training was organized under the guidance of Dr. Eaknath B. Chakurkar, Director of ICAR-CIARI, Sri Vijaya Puram.

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