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Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct 04: The valedictory programme of Hindi Fortnight 2024 was held on 30.09.2024 at Dr. T. R. Dutta Conference Hall of ICAR-CIARI. On this occasion, a seminar was organized on the topic "Rajbhasha Hindi: A Symbol of Cultural and Social Unity of the Nation." Dr. Vyas Mani Tripathi, Professor and Head of the Department of Hindi, J.N.R.M., Sri Vijayapuram, delivered a highly energetic and inspiring guest lecture as the Chief Guest. The Chief Guest emphasized that Hindi has united the world like pearls in a single, closed garland, and he expressed a sense of privilege and pride in being part of "VasudhaivaKutumbakam" – the world is one family. Despite the vast diversity of our country in terms of culture, rituals, and languages, Hindi serves as a unifying force.

Dr. Eaknath B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI, in his address, urged all employees to carry out their work in Hindi with devotion and dedication, and encouraged them to spread and promote the use of Hindi with the same enthusiasm. An extempore competition was also held, in which all staff members participated enthusiastically. The winners of various competitions like essay writing, letter writing, noting and drafting, word meaning, typing, and quiz competitions were felicitated by the Director and the Chief Guest. Mrs. G. V. Kantamand Mrs. Champa Rani Das were awarded appreciation letters for their maximum usage of Hindi in administrative work and for providing invaluable support to the Hindi Cell and its activities. Mr. Kanishk Bhukar, Administrative Officer, gave a detailed overview of the programmes and activities conducted during the fortnight. Mrs. Teena, Coordinator and Senior Technical Officer, delivered the welcome address, while Mr. Ujjawal Kumar, Technician, proposed the vote of thanks. The entire programme was coordinated by Mr. K. Shyam Sundar Rao, In-Charge of the Hindi Cell, under the guidance of Dr. Eaknath B. Chakurkar, Director of ICAR-CIARI, Vijayapuram.

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