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Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR, New Delhi urges farmers to embrace scientific farming to boost income



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Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR, New Delhi urged the farmers to seize the available opportunities and embrace scientific methods to boost their income. He stated this while inaugurating the Administrative cum Training Building of KVK, Nimbudera yesterday, in the presence of Dr. V.B. Patel, Assistant Director General

Director General (Fruits & Plantation Crops), Dr. Pradip Dey, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata, and Dr. E.B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair.

The Director General said, in the present scenario, traditional farming methods are no longer profitable and it is crucial for farmers to embrace new varieties and scientific management practices, as well as explore food processing and marketing options.

He remarked that KVK will showcase innovative techniques to enhance production and increase income. He said, with knowledge and expertise, farmers can cultivate in a more efficient manner. He further stated that the Andaman region is blessed with abundant biodiversity, unlike other parts of the country and advised farmers to replace traditional

varieties with new ones developed by scientists, as the improved varieties yield four times more.

Dr. V.B. Patel, ADG (F&PC) highlighted the

importance of KVK providing various training programs to farmers in Agriculture, Animal Science, Fisheries, and other related fields to

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boost production and income. He said, implementing scientific methods in crop cultivation can significantly increase earnings from horticultural crops. Dr. Pradip Dey, Director, ICAR-ATARI enlightened the gathering on the importance of KVK in assisting the farming community of North and Middle Andaman.

In his welcome address, Dr. E.B. Chakurkar said, North & Middle district is renowned for its significant contributions to rice, plantation, fruits and vegetable production in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

The DG also visited progressive farmers' field and the Karen community at Webi village and interacted with them. Dr. V. Damodaran, Senior Scientist and Head, proposed vote of thanks.

The programme was coordinated by Dr. S. K. Zamir Ahmed, Principal Scientist and Head of the Division of Fisheries Science, a press release from CIARI said.