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Capacity building prog. under TSP conducted for boosting production of horticulture crops in Car Nicobar

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ICAR KVK CIARI, Nicobar organized a one-day capacity-building program May 16 under TSP to boost the production of horticulture crops in Car Nicobar in collaboration with ICAR-IIHR at Big Lapathy village. Shri Manuh Thomas, Captain, Big Lapathy village was the chief guest. Dr. R. Senthil Kumar, Principal Scientist, ICAR-IIHR, Bangalore was the resource person.

A total of 33 farmers



including all four Captains of the village, attended the program. Shri Patrick, a progressive farmer from Tapoiming village, was felicitated for his remarkable achievements, and Smti Laiessa was also honored for her accomplishments. Dr.

Santosh Kumar, Senior Scientist and Head of ICAR-KVK, Car Nicobar coordinated the programme.

Dr. R. Senthil Kumar highlighted the important varieties and technologies of IIHR Bangalore, and

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advised farmers to grow velvet beans beneath their coconut plantations to improve soil fertility and boost coconut productivity by fixing atmospheric nitrogen and suppressing weeds. Dr. Santosh Kumar emphasized the necessity for value addition and processing in areas such as coconut jaggery and virgin coconut oil production, which has the potential to improve both income and employment generation.

IIHR vegetable seed kits were also distributed. The trainees' feedback was documented, and a few female farmers conveyed their need for technologies and seeds pertaining to ornamental and floral crops. The program was organized under the guidance of Dr. E.B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair, a press release from CIARI said.