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Training on promotion of spices cultivation in plantation based cropping system organized by ICAR- KVK, Nimbudera

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A training on 'Promotion of spices cultivation in plantation based cropping system' was organised by ICAR-KVK, Nimbudera, North & Middle Andaman from 18th to 20th July, 2024 at Sivapuram Gram Panchayat, Rangat, Middle Andaman in order to promote cultivation of spices. The program was inaugurated by Smt. Adi Laxmi, Up-Pradhan, Sivapuram Gram Panchayat in the presence of Smti Sherly Thomas, Joint Director, Department of Agriculture, N&M Andaman.

Speaking on the occasion, Smti Adi Laxmi, motivated the farmers and farm women to adopt spice cultivation in their existing plantation to get maximum returns while Smti Sherly Thomas, highlighted the scope and



importance of spices cultivation in N&M Andaman district.

Dr. V. Damodaran, Sr. Scientist & Head, ICAR-KVK, Nimbudera, urged the farmers and stakeholders to adopt improved varieties of different spices. In the technical session, various aspects of cultivation were dealt in detail by the resource persons of KVK. Shri Subam Debroy, SMS (Agriculture) emphasized on the importance of spices in pond based system for additional income and self-employment opportunities. Shri Rakesh Dawar, SMS

(Agronomy), provided detailed insights into the recycling of organic waste in plantation-based cropping systems. Shri Yatharth Sharma, SMS (Home Science) enlightened the farmers on critical role of post-harvest management in minimizing losses and improving spice quality and productivity.

Earlier, Shri Yatharth Sharma, SMS, KVK welcomed the gathering and briefed about the training program. About 27 farmers and farm women participated in the programme and were benefited, a press release from CIARI said.