

Workshop on Improvement and Conservation of Native Poultry At Tribal Farming Community, Campbell Bay and Car Nicobar by ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute, Port Blair

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Port Blair, Dec 02: Division of Animal Science, ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute, Port Blair conducted series of workshop for five days on Improvement and Conservation of Native Poultry at tribal farming community Chingen Village, Campbell Bay and Kinmai, Tapoiming, Malacca and Perka villages, Car Nicobar from 24-28, November 2022 under Scheduled Tribal Component in collaboration with DBT-Biotech Kisan Hub, Mr. Hilton, first Captain of Chingen Village Campbell Bay, and 1st Captains viz, Mr. Ireneous Benjamin, (Kinmai), Mr. Kishore, (Tapoiming), Mr. Micah (Malacca) and Mr. Paul David (Perka) Tribal Farming Community, Car Nicobar along with 167 tribal farmers including 90 women tribal farmers participated in the programme. Dr.T.Sujatha, Sr. Scientist & Coordinator of the programme narrated about the importance of conservation of Native poultry through improvement in their production. She explained how the housing, balanced feed and feed additives and vaccination in rural poultry improves their overall performance by alleviating nutrients deficiency and in-turn has significant influence in one health programme of preventing animal diseases. This will significantly improve the nutritional security of tribal farming communities through enhancement of animal protein sources. Further, she motivated the participants to learn all the skills to prepare value added products to establish their own business. She encouraged them that ICAR-CIARI is ready to support them in all possible ways to initiate product preparation in a team mode. He assured them of the technical guidance from scientists of CIARI. During the programme, inputs such as feed and water supplements and deworming, wire mesh and tarpaulin sheet were distributed to the tribal farmers in the presence of Village captains who advised the community to use the inputs judiciously and appreciated ICAR-CIARI for its efforts towards development of tribal farming community in livestock farming sector. The overall programme was executed under the chairmanship of Dr.Eaknath B.Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI and was facilitated by Dr.Jai Sunder, Pr.Scientist and Dr.D.Bhattacharya, Pr.Scientist as conveners of the programme.