

ICAR-CIARI Conducts Field Day on Fodder Cultivation

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Port Blair, Oct 30: The Animal Science Division of ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute, Port Blair conducted a field day on “ICAR-CIARI Lead Fodder Development in Islands” on 28th October, 2022 at Animal Farm complex. The programme was conducted under the NABARD funded project “Establishment of sustainable model village on fodder production at South Andaman”. The field day was attended by livestock farmers from Ranchi Basti and Indira Nagar of Wandoor area. At the outset, Dr. E.B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI addressed the participants and enlightened them with advanced knowledge on balanced feeding.

Further, he emphasized that surplus production of fodder may pave the islands way towards milk sufficiency in near future. Dr. P.A. Bala, Senior Scientist and Course Director lead the participants for hands-on training experience in fodder cultivation in the demonstration field at the farm. He explained the present scenario of feed and fodders of the islands and how milk productivity of the animals can be improved by balanced feeding of the animals with fodders as centre point. He briefed about the animal’s class, physiology and production status, their nutrient requirements, thumb rule in balancing the ration and how to prepare only fodder for medium milk yielding animals. After the demonstration of the field activities, the farmers tried their hands on preparation of land, where they prepared the field with spade and then prepared the bunds for sowing the fodder cuttings. Then the standing Bajra-Napier Hybrid (CO-6) grass was cut by the farmers with three nodes and the roots

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