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## Various activities mark celebration of Agricultural Education Day & World Soil Day

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To commemorate the birth anniversary of Shri Rajendra Prasad, the first President of India, ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair organized a fortnightly programme to celebrate Agricultural Education Day & World Soil Day which concluded yesterday. At the outset, Dr. S.K. Zamir Ahmed, Principal Scientist and Nodal Officer of the Programme welcomed the school and college students who have participated and won prizes in various competitions held since 15th November and their teachers.

Dr. T.P. Swarnam, Head, Division of Natural Resource

Management gave a lecture on the theme 'Soil: Where Food Begins' and read out the World Soil Day Message of Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.

Dr. R. Jaya Kumaravaradan, Scientist and Organizing Secretary of the programme read out the Message of Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Secretary (DARE) & Director General (ICAR) and presented a brief report on the overall events held namely debate, painting, quiz, concept paper and photo competitions; Scientist-Student interaction and Seminar Lecture in which 1,459

students from 18 schools and 6 colleges across South Andaman District participated.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. E.B. Chakurkar, Director, CIARI lauded the participants and winners of various competitions and thanked the Principals for their encouragement. He urged the students to spread the knowledge gained on career opportunities in agriculture and allied sectors. The winners of the competitions were given certificates and prizes by Dr. Debasis Battacharya, Head, Division of Animal Science and Dr. B.A. Jerard, Head, Division of Horticulture and Forestry, a press release from CIARI said.