

Scientists- Farmers interaction on the theme 'Implications of the Human-Animal Interface in Public Health' held

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A joint Workshop on 'meeting of Livestock Farmers and Agriculturists with NIAB Scientists (MILAN) was organized by ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute, Port Blair in collaboration with DBT-National Institute of Animal Biotechnology, Hyderabad yesterday at ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair. The workshop was conducted on the theme 'Implications of the Human-Animal Interface in Public Health' and to understand the issues and challenges faced by livestock farmers, thereby making suitable technological interventions for improving the productivity and health of livestock. The workshop was attended by 130 participants including livestock farmers, veterinarians, scientists from ICAR-CIARI and NIAB, Hyderabad.

Shri H. Manoj, GM, NABARD, Port Blair was the chief guest on the occasion. In his address, he appreciated the CIARI for organizing such an important



workshop for the benefit of livestock farmers and veterinarians. He also highlighted the various schemes of NABARD and urged the farmers to come forward to avail the benefits of the schemes. The guest of honour, Dr. Ashok Gupta, Director, DAHVS, A & N Administration emphasized on various advanced biotechnological tools for their application at the field level.

Dr. G. Taru Sharma, Director, NIAB, Hyderabad highlighted the activities, achievements and future thrust areas of the institute. Dr. Syed Faisal, Scientist E, NIAB, Hyderabad gave a brief presentation on various technologies developed by the NIAB.

In his presidential address, Dr. E. B. Chakurkar, Director, CIARI

motivated farmers on how their role and involvement are important to identify field problems that can be the base for research priority.

Dr. D. Bhattacharya, HoD, Animal Science Division briefed about the higher prevalence of parasitic cases in livestock and prevention of Ranikhet Disease in poultry. He also mentioned the significance and application of FAMACHA, climate-smart poultry farming, Trimodal therapy, and Tickure in livestock and poultry.

Later, a farmers-scientists interaction session was held during which various field-level problems related to livestock health and production were discussed in detail, and spot solutions were suggested, a press release from CIARI said.