

Capacity building on Agricultural Technologies held at Perka village

Port Blair, Sept. 24 Sept. 22 at Perka village, Car Nicobar. Shri Paul David (First Headman) who was the chief guest expressed gratitude for conducting such type of capacity-building programmes for the overall benefit and development of building programme on

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their community. Dr. Satyavir Singh, Principal Scientist, and Dr. Anil Khippal, Principal Scientist from ICAR-IIWBR, Karnal stressed the importance of barley and millets and advised the farmers to adopt the technologies. Shri T. Joy, Agriculture Officer of the Department of Agriculture highlighted the need of adopting mixed farming, use of Jeevan Amrit, making of vermicompost, and utilization of vegetable seed kits for the kitchen garden. Dr. Y. Ramakrishna, Principal Scientist, and Head spoke on the role of KVK and possible technological intervention with the scientific support of his team in coconut crop and value addition for better remuneration. Dr. S.K. Zamir Ahmed, Principal Scientist impressed upon taking up nutritious kitchen gardening with vegetable seeds in the top verandah of the shelter with seedlings of vegetable seeds in grow bags, and pots so that the fruits can be utilized for family consumption.

The team exhorted the farming community of Perka village to start a small nutritious kitchen garden either by a single farmer or within a group to set an example for others to follow. The farmers also interacted with the scientific team and got their doubts cleared. A set of vegetable seeds comprising HYV of Bhendi, Amaranthus, and cowpea were distributed. A total of 55 farmers attended the programme, a press release received from CIARI said.