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Promoting scientific cultivation & processing of spices in Isles

Training Prog. organized by CIARI under CSS-MIDH Project

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Spices are the low volume high value horticultural crops having immense potential for commercial exploitation. However, maximizing the returns from their cultivation requires knowledge of scientific cultivation and post harvest management techniques. To create awareness about these techniques through demonstration and hands on experience, a three days training programme on 'Scientific cultivation and post harvest handling of spices under Island conditions for

better profit' was organized by ICAR-CIARI under CSS-MIDH (NHM) project on Spices from August 29 to 31, 2022. During the inaugural programme, Dr. E.B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI who was the chief guest of the programme interacted with the participants and expressed his happiness over the diversity of participants who had gathered for a common cause of enriching their knowledge about spices, despite variations in their profession, age group, gender etc.

During the technical sessions, Dr. Ajit Arun Waman, Coordinator of the programme gave a presentation about the basics of spices cultivation and overview of its present status and future opportunities in the Islands. It was followed by an interactive session with the participants on their expectations from the programme. To promote the cultivation of spices, planting material of cinnamon, tejpat, long pepper, woody pepper and lemon grass were distributed to the participants, a press release from CIARI said.