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Field day conducted for farmers of Ranchi Basti & Wandoor area

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The Animal Science Division of ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute, Port Blair conducted field day on 'ICAR-CIARI led 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.

Dr. E.B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI addressed the participants and enlightened them with advanced knowledge on balanced feeding. He emphasized that



surplus production of fodder may pave the way for the Islands towards milk sufficiency in near future.

Dr. P.A. Bala, Senior Scientist and Course Director provided hands on training in fodder cultivation in the demonstration field at the farm. 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. Farmers were enlightened with soil type, their management, fortification, types of fodders and best fodders in the island scenario. 60 pieces of Bajra-Napier Hybrid (CO-6) grass stem cutting were distributed to the farmers by Dr. D. Bhattacharya, HoD, Animal Science Division, a press release from CIARI said.