

## ICAR-KVK, Port Blair conducts awareness prog on Natural farming



**PORT BLAIR, DEC 21/--/ICAR-KVK, CIARI, Port Blair organized awareness programme of natural farming at Community Hall, Maglutan village on 20.12.2022 under out scaling of Natural farming through KrishiVigyanKednras. Dr Y Ramakrishna, Principal Scientist & Head was inaugurated the programme. He highlighted various ill-effects of indiscriminate use of agro-chemicals and inorganic fertilizers in soil health and soil microbial diversity. He enlightens the importance of natural farming by which drastically reduced crop**

**production cost through replacing the inorganic fertilizers and plant protection chemical by use of own farm production like Beejamrut, Jeevamrut, live mulch through intercropping & crop residue mulch and moist root zone. Dr N. Bommayasamy, SMS (Agro./Agrl.Extn.) dealt about difference of organic and natural farming practices, management of crops pests by using Neemastra, Bhramastra and Agnistra and application of sour curd. Application of ghanajeevamrut and jeevamrut helps in improving the soil health and soil biological activity by**

**providing nutrients. Experts demonstrated the method of preparation of ghanajeevamrut, jeevamurt during the programme. ICAR-KVK, Port Blair distributed jeevamrut preparation kits to participants.**

**Fifty three farmers and farm women were participated and benefited in this programme. The programme was concluded with Mrs. Snehalata, farm women. The programme was organized under supervision and guidance of DrEaknath B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair.**