

Field Day on “Gladiolus-a high end flower under coconut plantation for livelihood security of tribal communities in Lakshadweep Islands”



PORT BLAIR, AUG 19/--/ The Regional Station, Minicoy of ICAR-CIARI Port Blair, conducted a “Field Day on “Gladiolus-a high end flower under coconut plantation for livelihood security of tribal communities in Lakshadweep Islands” on 18th August 2022.

Speaking on the occasion, the Mr. Hussain Manikfan, Chairperson Village Dweep Panchayat, Minicoy expressed his happiness on the new initiatives, i.e. flower cultivation, and entrepreneurship development through floriculture for the tribal farmers by ICAR-CIARI,

Regional Station.

The scientific team comprising of Dr. Ajina S. Mand Dr. Gladston Y interacted with the farmers and impressed upon the package of practices for gladiolus farming under coconut plantation as intercrop. Shri. Shareefuddeen Hassan, Senior Technical Assistant and Shri. Arif M.I., Senior Technician the Coordinator of the programme informed about the technical know-how and do-how to the participants in ‘Mahl’ (the local language). Also took practical sessions on bouquet making and post-harvest management of cut flower. Thereafter the

participating farm women were exposed to institute ongoing activities.

A total of 31 participants from Bouduathiri and South Bandara Villages attended the field day in which they were exposed to gladiolus cultivation under coconut plantation at the institute station. Dr. Ajina S.M, Convener and Co-Convener Dr. Gladston Y Coordinator, Shri Shareefuddeen Hassan & Shri Arif M.I., Dr.S.K. Zamir Ahmed, Nodal Officer, Lakshadweep coordinated the overall conduct of the programme under the Chairmanship of Dr. Eaknath B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair.