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Awareness-cum-training on Agricultural Technologies at Tampoiming village, Carnic



PORT BLAIR, SEPT 22/--/ ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute, Port Blair, KVK Nicobar, along with ICAR-Indian Institute of Wheat & Barley Research, Karnal conducted a day-long programme on 21st Sep 2022, at Tampoiming village, Car Nicobar under Scheduled Tribe Component.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Simon William (2nd Headman) appreciated the efforts of the ICAR Institutes in conducting such fruitful programme benefitting the tribal farmers of the Nicobar area and further requested for imparting many more programmes in the agriculture and allied field. Mr. Kishore (4th Headman) exhorted the participant to take the maximum benefits from visiting scientific teams of ICAR. During the technical section, Dr.Satyavir Singh, Principal Scientist and Dr. Anil Khippal, Principal Scientist, ICAR-IIWBR, Karnal highlighted the importance of the barley and millets in the daily diets. Dr Y. Ramakrishna, Principal Scientist and Head, KVK spoke on the possible technological intervention with scientific support of his team with an objective to enhance the crop productivity and income of the farmers. He also requested

the Chief Guest to select the interested farmers in small groups for an exposure visit to Port Blair to learn scientific farming at ICAR-CIARI, KVK and progressive farmer's fields. Dr S.K. Zamir Ahmed, Principal Scientist impressed upon the idea of propagating agro-ecotourism, the flagship programme of the institute which will sustain the biodiversity of area and also provide additional income to the youths. A set of vegetable seeds comprising high yielding variety of bhendi, amaranthus and cow pea were distributed. A total of 76 farmers (including 33 male and 43 female) attended the programme. The scientific team also visited different technological intervention plots of KVK at farmers field with pheromone traps in cucurbits, bhendi A5, CIARI-Brinjal 1 & 2, amaranthus Pusared, Palak Pusa All green at Big Lapathy, Chukchuka, Tampoiming, & Tamaloo. Farmers expressed their happiness on the performance of the varieties and offered suggestions for its up scaling. The programme was coordinated by Dr S.K. Zamir Ahmed, Dr. Y. Rama Krishna & Dr. Jayakumaravaradan under the plan & guidance of Dr E.B. Chakurkar Director ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair.