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Scientists-Farmers' Interaction meet by ICAR-CIARI held at Shoal Bay

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A Scientists-Farmers' interaction meet was held at Shoalbay in the presence of Director, ICAR-CIARI, Dr. E.B. Chakurkar on July 22. It is noteworthy to mention that under Biotech Kisan Hub, a community based mini incubator has been established at Farmer's Field in Shoal Bay. Through regular skill development programmes, the hatching facility is being utilized by the farmers to hatch desi poultry chicks, ducklings and quail chicks.

Remarking on the facilities made available to the farmers, the Director expressed happiness that farmers are getting benefitted from the mini incubator facility and he urged them to create Farmers Producers Organization involving youths of the area for production of desi chicks and also to

establish a market linkage in commercial way. He informed that the institute will provide a good germplasm of Andaman local goat and suggested to establish a nucleus stock.

Dr. Jai Sunder, Pr. Scientist and Hub facilitator briefed about the objective of the Biotech Kisan Hub to improve the livelihood and socio-economic upliftment through rural poultry production and goat farming. Dr. D. Bhattacharya, HoD (I/c), Animal Science Division highlighted the significance of Ranikhet Disease Vaccine and biosecurity measures to be adopted in the rural poultry production. Dr. T. Sujatha, Sr. Scientist and Dr. A.K. De, Scientist, coordinated the whole programme.



During the programme, Smt. Rani Anbumalar, a successful farmer who is Farmer Fellow Ambassador of Biotech Kisan Hub narrated her success story of becoming a role model by supplying rural chicks to the farmers of the locality. She expressed her gratitude to CIARI for providing the required technical support. The Director along with the team visited and inspected the mini incubator facility and also distributed chicks and vegetables seeds to the beneficiaries, a press release from ICAR-CIARI said.