Bio-tech Kisan Hub established at CIARI

PORT BLAIR, OCT 25/-- The ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute here has launched the programme on Establishment of BIOTECH KISAN-HUB funded by DBT, Govt of India with the main aim for dissemination of Livestock and Poultry Production Technologies for enhancing Farmers Income of Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands. The objective of the programme is doubling the farmer's income through implementation of two activities viz., mini incubator for supply of chicks and improvement of goatery. The Hub will act as a Nodal centre to act as the platform for scientist-farmer's interaction of the A & N Islands as well as Lakshadweep Islands to address the issues of development of backyard poultry sector and goatery of the island farmers. Tinkering lab will be established to give a platform to the innovators farmers and other stakeholders to develop and transform the scientific aptitude into a technology mode. The lab will have the important basic scientific equipments and facilities wherein the farmers and stakeholders get chance to work and understand the science and technology. A communication cell will be established wherein the farmers can directly contact with the scientists for any field problems through telephone, mail and other electronic apps. Mini unit of incubator will be kept as a model for technology demonstration for the farmers and stakeholders at hub. The hub will be used as a training and demonstration center. The inauguration of the Biotech Kisan Hub was done recently along with initiation of 5 days capacity building programme on Delivery of Vaccines in poultry from 21 to 25, October 2019 in association with ICAR-KVK, South Andaman.

The programme was launched by Dr. B. Gangaiah, Director (Acting) in the presence of Dr. A. Kundu, HoD (Acting), Animal Science Division, Dr. L. B. Singh, I/c Head, KVK, South Andaman, Dr. Jai Sunder, Hub Facilitator, Dr. T. Sujatha, Dr. S.K. Zamir Ahmed, Dr. P.K. Singh, Dr. R. Kirubasankar, Dr. D. Bhattacharya, Dr. A.K. De and other Scientists of Animal Science Division and KVK. Altogether, 30 farmers including 27 women farmers participated in the programme. Dr. B. Gangaiah congratulated the Animal Science Division for implementation of the Biotech Kisan Hub and initiation of the capacity building programme for the farmers. He appreciated the activities of hub that are going to benefit the livestock and poultry farming community. He also stressed upon the importance of vaccination in livestock and poultry in securing the livelihood and nutrition of farming community.

He suggested for impact analysis of technologies that are disseminated to the farmers. A direction was give to bring only practising farmers to trainees of CIARI. Dr. A. Kundu, spoke about the importance of the Biotech Kisan Hub for the long term benefit of the farmers of A & N Islands as well as Lakshadweep group of islands. Dr. Jai Sunder, Hub Facilitator briefed about the activities and role of Biotech Kisan-Hub. Dr. L. B. Singh briefed about the role of KVK in dissemination of technologies of livestock and poultry. During the programme, Dr. S.K. Zamir Ahmed, Pr. Scientist & I/c SSS and Dr. P.K. Singh, I/c Head FCI&P Division briefed about the importance of the programme. During the technical session, video film on vaccination and bio-security measures were also shown to the trainees. During the 5 days long training and field days, demonstration on vaccination and biosecurity measures will be done at Wandoor, Mamya and Lal Pahad villages. The programme was coordinated by Dr. A.K. De and vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. S.K. Ravi.

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DBT Biotech Kisan Hub Fellowship programme for farmers launched in CIARI

PORT BLAIR, JAN 9/--/ The Division of Animal Science, ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute, Port Blair has launched the Fellowship programme of one month duration for the farmers under DBT - BIOTECH KISAN-HUB funded by DBT, Govt of India with the main aim for dissemination of Livestock and Poultry Production Technologies for Enhancing the Farmers' Income of Andaman Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands. The programme was launched by Mr VMashu, CMO(NABARD) as chief guest in presence of Dr.B.A.Jerard, Director (Acting), A. Kundu, HoD, Animal Science Division, Dr. L. B. Singh, Head, KVK, South Andaman, Dr. Jai Sunder, Hub Facilitator, Dr. S.K. Zamir Ahmed, Dr.D.Bhattacharya, Dr. T. Sujatha, Dr.A.K.De and Dr.Ravikumara Varada. All the Scientists and staff of ICAR-CIARI attended the programme. The inauguration of the programme was held on 09.01.2020 with the first batch of 25 farmers including women (15 nos.) and rural youth (10nos.) from different villages of South Andaman. Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest congratulated the ICAR-CIARI and the project team for bringing the projects for the benefit of rural farmers for doubling their income. He advised the farmers to learn the advanced skills towards entrepreneurship development in goat and rural poultry farming and mini incubator.

Dr.S.A.Jerard appreciated the project team for their sincere efforts for formulating appropriate projects like goat and mini incubator to enhance the farmers' income through livestock. He also briefed about other activities of the institute for the benefit of the farmers and urged the farmers to take advantage of the BIOTECH KISAN HUB for empowering their knowledge on technologies on livestock and poultry.

Dr.A.Kundu, PI, briefed about the genesis of the project and the importance of goat farming and mini incubator in the livelihood security of the farmers. Dr.Jai Sunder, Hub Facilitator narrated about the activities of the hub and the fellowship programme. He informed that the objective of the programme is to double the farmer's income through implementation of three activities such as goat and rural poultry farming and mini incubator for the period of one month. He also told that exposure visits have been arranged for the trainee farmers to the successful livestock farmers and the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services (A&N Administration).

Dr.L.B.Singh informed about the activities of the KVK and told that through this programme model village will be developed for doubling farmers' income through the intervention of Agri-horti and animal technologies. The programme was co-ordinated by Dr.S.K.Zamir Ahmed. Welcome address was given by Dr.D.Bhattacharya and the vote of thanks was delivered by Dr.A.K.De.

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Farmers' fellowship on scientific goat, rural poultry & opn. of mini incubator

PORT BLAIR, FEB 6/--/ The valedictory function of farmers' fellowship of one month duration was held on Thursday. The fellow programme on scientific goat, rural poultry and operation of mini incubator was f. 09.01.2020 to 06.02.2020 was organized under the DBT BIOTECH KISAN HUB project at Animal Science Division, ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair. A total of 30 farmer fellows including 15 women and 4 unemployed youth from various villages of Wandoor, Nayagaon, Ranchi Basti, Calicut and Brichgani were imparted the training. During the programme, Dr.Alka Verma, Director, DAHVS was the Chief Guest and Dr.S.A.Jerard, Director, ICAR-CIARI Port Blair presided over the function. The function was attended by Dr.A.Kundu, HoD & Course Director, ASD, Dr.Jai Sunder, Hub Facilitator & Course Director, Dr.S.K.Zamir Ahmed, I/c Social Science Section and all the Heads and Scientists. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest congratulated the ICAR-CIARI for organizing the appropriate training programme for the development of the entrepreneurship for doubling the farmers' income through poultry, goatery and mini incubator. He briefed about the various schemes of the Animal Husbandry Dept for the benefit of the farmers and urged the farmers to come forward to avail the scheme on vaccination as the source of income. He also cited examples of success stories of farmers who adopted the scheme of vaccination and became successful entrepreneur on goatry and organic kitchen garden. Dr.S.A.Jerard, Director, ICAR-CIARI appreciated the scientists of the Animal Science Division for selecting the training programme on goat, poultry and mini incubator as these are the important tools to raise the agricultural GDP. He expressed his happiness that most of the trainees are the women and unemployed youth as they can start their own entrepreneurship for their livelihood security and can become a role model to show-case the Island for good agricultural model. Dr.A.Kundu, informed that this is first of its kind of farmers fellow programme in these islands and urged all the farmers to form a group to initiate development of entrepreneurs and asked the scientist to take up impact study. Dr.Jai Sunder, presented the brief report of one month fellow programme. He informed that the knowledge on scientific goatery, poultry and mini incubator was improved by 63.86 per cent based on the post evaluation of the farmers fellows. During the training period, farmers were also exposed with NABARD and SBI officials for availing loans and subsidized schemes to establish the goat and poultry farming and to purchase mini incubator. Farmer fellows were also taken to successful goat and poultry farmer and Animal Husbandry Dept to have exposure on scientific livestock farming. Farmers expressed their confidence in their feedback that they can start scientific goat and poultry farming of their own. They also said that they became confident enough to implement the scientific practices. Three manuals viz., scientific goat farming, scientific poultry farming and mini incubator were released on the occasion. Programme was coordinated by Dr.S.K.Zamir Ahmed. Manuals and certificates were issued to the farmer fellows.

The fellowship amount of Rs.10,000/-per farmer will be credited to their account to support the establishment of goatery and poultry and mini incubator. Dr.A.K.De, Scientist & Principal Investigator (PI) welcomed the gathering and Dr.T.Sujatha, Sr.Scientist & PI proposed vote of thanks.