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ICAR–CIARI Successfully Concludes Vigilance Awareness Week 2026

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Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 30: The ICAR–Central Island Agricultural Research Institute (ICAR–CIARI), Sri Vijaya Puram, successfully observed Vigilance Awareness Week 2026, from 26 to 30 October 2026, with a series of activities aimed at promoting integrity, transparency, accountability and ethical conduct in public life. The programmes were organised Dr. T. Sujatha, Vigilance Officer, and Shri Kanishk Bhukar, Administrative Officer under the guidance of Dr. Jai Sunder, Director (Acting), ICAR–CIARI.

The week commenced on 26 October 2026 with a pledge-taking ceremony followed by a lecture by Shri Kanishk Bhukar on preventive vigilance and ethical conduct in public service. E-plege was also taken by staff family members. An iGOT training session was also organised to enhance employees' awareness of vigilance-related practices.

As part of its public outreach activities, awareness in Gram Sabhas, through drawing competitions in school, quiz competition for the staffs and walkathon were organised at three locations namely North & Middle South Andaman and Nicobar in association with KVKs across villages Tugapur Gram Panchayat, Pahargaon, Kamalapur Gram Panchayat, Harinagar, North and Middle Andaman, Tamaloo Village, Car Nicobar and Ananda Marga School, Chaudhary. Total participants were 311 including, staff, farmers and school children. The programmes involved awareness discussions and interactions with local communities, including women farmers, highlighting the importance of integrity, transparency and collective responsibility in preventing corruption. These activities provided students with an opportunity to express their understanding of honesty, integrity and corruption-free practices through creative expression. The walkathon reinforced the importance of public participation in building a transparent and corruption-free society.

The week concluded with a valedictory function on 30 October 2026. Through these initiatives, ICAR–CIARI reaffirmed its commitment to promoting a culture of integrity, transparency and accountability in institutional functioning and community engagement. The observance emphasised that vigilance is a shared responsibility and that the active participation of employees, students, farmers and citizens is essential for building a corruption-free society.