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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Nurturing Women-Led Agricultural Transformation in Islands

Women's empowerment has become an integral part of ICAR-CIARI's extension, training and livelihood development initiatives across the Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep. Through sustained scientific support, skill development programmes and field-level interventions, the Institute has been helping rural women build confidence, strengthen livelihoods and actively participate in island agriculture and allied sectors. During the last ten years, more than 5,000 women participated in various training programmes covering areas such as mushroom cultivation, backyard poultry, dairy farming, goat rearing, integrated farming systems, floriculture, processing and value addition, organic farming and fisheries-based enterprises. In addition, institutional capacity-building programmes benefited over 3,000 women from farming communities and self-help groups across the islands.



The increasing participation of women in agriculture is evident from the programmes conducted during 2025–26 alone, in which 857 women participated in 29 specialised training programmes. Many of these initiatives also reached tribal communities in remote island regions, creating opportunities for inclusive growth and livelihood security. Women farmers trained in mini-incubator technology collectively produced and distributed nearly 25,000 chicks and ducklings, benefiting around 1,000 farmers, including nearly 650 farm women. Other women entrepreneurs promoted by ICAR CIARI have established successful ventures in mushroom cultivation, dairy farming, quail farming and scientific vegetable production with continuous technical guidance from the Institute.

Women entrepreneurs have also made notable progress in value addition and food processing activities. Trained beneficiaries are now preparing and marketing millet-based products, fish pickles, jams, and spice powders through local markets, exhibitions, and island fairs, thereby creating additional household income and promoting local products. Integrated farming systems promoted by the institute have further encouraged women farmers to adopt resource-efficient and climate-resilient practices by combining livestock, poultry and crop production suited to island conditions. Among the inspiring examples is Padma Shri awardee Smt. K. Chellammal, fondly known as "Nariyal Amma," whose successful coconut-based organic farming model continues to motivate women farmers across the islands towards sustainable agriculture and self-reliance. Through continuous extension support and women-centric capacity building, ICAR-CIARI remains committed to strengthening the role of women in island agriculture and fostering sustainable rural development.

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Dr. Jai Sunder
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Research Highlights

Antibacterial activity of the Padauk

I. Jaisankar

Pterocarpus dalbergioides resin has been found to be potent natural antibacterial agent, especially effective against *E. coli* and *S. aureus*. It inhibited both Gram-positive (*S. aureus*, *B. subtilis*) and Gram-negative (*E. coli*) bacteria indicating its broad-spectrum potential. The resin showed its strongest activity against *S. aureus* (18.45 mm) and *E. coli* (18.25 mm). The Gentamicin (positive control) still produced larger inhibition zones (approx. 23 mm), the resin's performance at 500 µg/ml is quite significant

for a crude extract. The well diffusion assay revealed that *Pandanus lerum* leaf extracts possess significant antibacterial activity, particularly against *E. coli* and *S. aureus*. At the highest concentration (500 µg/ml), the extract produced a maximum inhibition zone of 12.6 ± 0.14 mm for both strains. While these results are lower than the Gentamicin control, they confirm that the leaf extract contains bioactive compounds effective against both Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria.

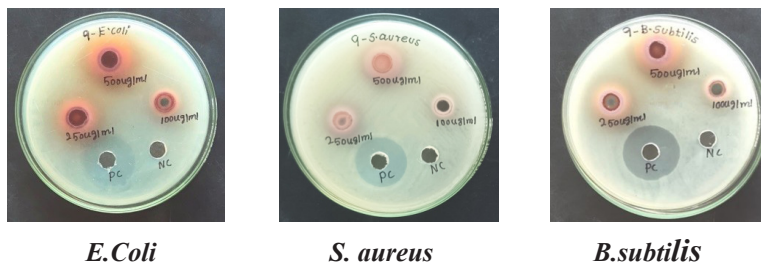


Plate 1. Zone of inhibition obtained by the Padauk Resin against different bacterial strains

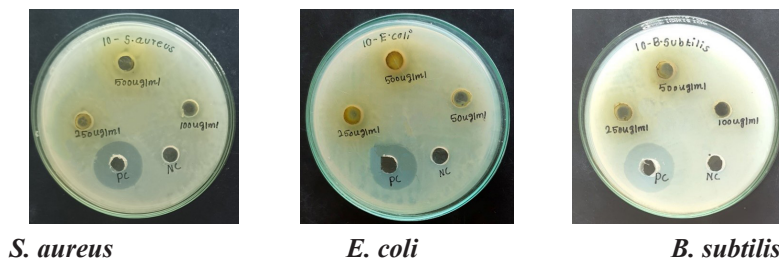


Plate 2. Zone of inhibition obtained by the Pandanus lerum Leaf extracts against different bacterial strains

Determining suitable cropping window and varieties in rice-based cropping system under the Island ecosystem

Abhilash

The second phase of the rice-based cropping study began in early 2026, evaluating three CARI Moong varieties (1, 3, and 4) across four staggered sowing dates from January to February. This rabi pulse trial aims to identify the optimal cropping window and variety adaptability for the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The resulting two-year dataset will be used to calibrate crop simulation models, ultimately supporting the development of climate-resilient and resource-efficient farming systems.



Plate 3. Phase II (2026): CARI Moong sowing window trial

Study on Viscoelastic Behaviour of Gelling Biopolymers

Arkadeb Mukhopadhyay

A study was carried out to understand the concentration-dependent viscoelastic behaviour of xanthan gum and guar gum using oscillatory rheology, which is critical for optimizing formulation stability, processing performance, and application efficiency in fertilizer, pesticide, and related formulation systems where controlled flow and structural integrity are essential. The results demonstrated that xanthan gum exhibited significantly higher elastic response, with storage modulus (G') values reaching ~ 631 Pa at 2% (w/v) concentration compared to ~ 130 Pa for

guar gum, indicating a stronger gel-like network. The linear viscoelastic region was also markedly wider in xanthan gum (up to $\sim 3.6\%$) than guar gum ($\sim 0.016\%$), reflecting superior resistance to deformation. Frequency sweep analysis confirmed elastic-dominated behaviour ($G' \gg G''$) for xanthan gum across the test range, while guar gum showed a transition from viscous to weakly elastic behaviour with increasing concentration from 1% (w/v) to 2% (w/v).

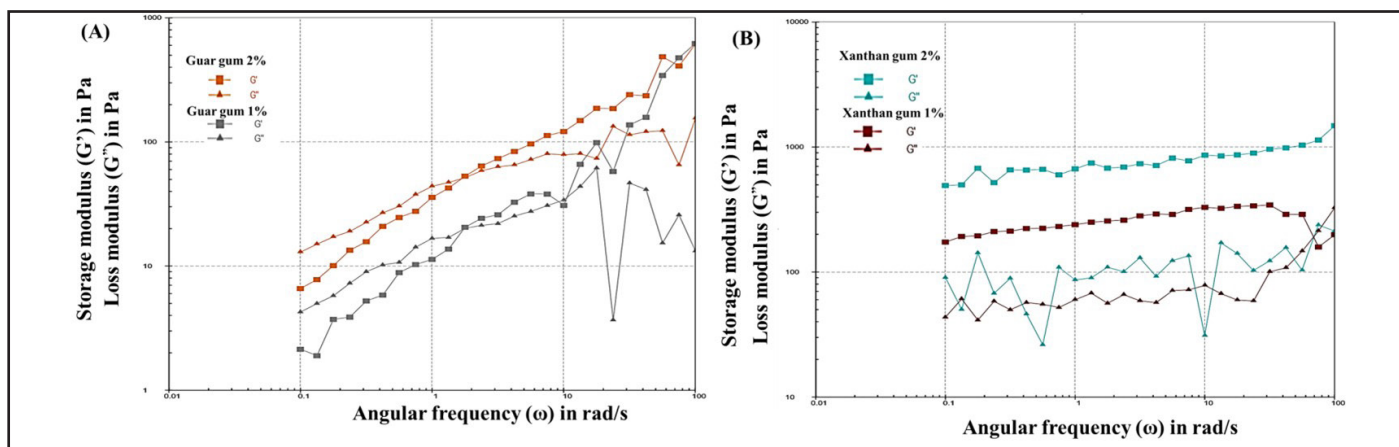


Plate 4. Storage & Loss modulus vs. Angular frequency of (A) Guar gum, (B) Xanthan gum during frequency sweep test

Development of Biopolymer-based Phosphate Enriched Polymeric Composites

Arkadeb Mukhopadhyay

Innovative phosphate fertilizer systems were developed through the integration of monocalcium phosphate (MCPM) with organic, polymeric, mineral, and hydro-responsive modifiers to address the challenge of low phosphorus use efficiency in acid soils. The composite formulations, prepared via co-processing techniques, enabled molecular-level interactions among components such as citric acid, carboxymethyl cellulose, and clay minerals, resulting in improved dispersion, modified microenvironment, and enhanced accessibility of phosphate. Evaluation

under controlled water and soil incubation conditions at 28 ± 2 °C revealed a more regulated and sustained nutrient release pattern compared to conventional fertilizers, thereby reducing rapid fixation and improving temporal availability of phosphorus during early crop growth stages. Additionally, coated diammonium phosphate (DAP) granules using oil and superabsorbent polymer-clay matrices demonstrated the importance of spatial placement and interfacial contact in governing nutrient release dynamics.

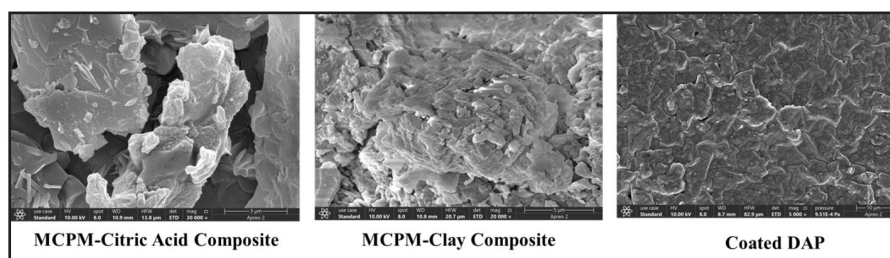


Plate 5. Scanning Electron Microscopy images of prepared fertilizer formulations

Optimization of Hydro-distillation Parameters for Lemongrass Essential Oil Extraction

Arkadeb Mukhopadhyay

A study was conducted to optimize hydro-distillation conditions for maximizing essential oil yield from lemongrass grown under Island agro-climatic conditions by varying raw material form, water ratio, temperature, and drying duration. Results showed that dried chopped samples produced higher yields compared to fresh and ground materials, with yield increasing from 0.30% (w/w) to 1.05% (w/w) under similar extraction conditions. Increasing the raw material-to-water ratio from 1:10 (w/v) to 1:14

(w/v) further enhanced oil recovery. The highest yield (1.50% w/w) was obtained with dried chopped material at 1:14 (w/v) raw material-to-water ratio with 24 h drying, whereas higher temperature (60°C) and grinding reduced yield. Extending distillation time beyond 4 hours did not improve extraction efficiency. These findings highlighted that proper pre-treatment and optimized extraction conditions significantly improved lemongrass essential oil recovery.

Characterization of cinnamon accessions

Ajit Arun Waman and Pooja Bohra

A study of twenty-four cinnamon accessions was conducted to identify superior germplasm for island conditions. It was characterized various leaf and floral

traits, noting significant variability among accessions, and analyzed oleoresin content in dried bark for the third consecutive season.

Establishment of mother block

Pooja Bohra and Ajit Arun Waman

In order to support quality planting material production of locally suited species of fruit crops, a mother block of identified collections of watery rose apple (*Syzygium aqueum*), West Indian cherry (*Malpighia*

punicifolia) and lime (*Citrus aurantifolia*) was developed at the Garacharma farm of the Institute. This block would be helpful for mass multiplication of these species in future.

Value added products from underutilized fruits

Pooja Bohra and Ajit Arun Waman

To popularise underutilised species, value-added products were developed, namely osmotically dehydrated rind from Kydia Mangosteen and dehydrated powder from Mountain Sweet Thorn. Sensory evaluations revealed high commercial

potential for both, demonstrating that processing and value addition is an effective strategies for popularising these underutilised fruits in these islands for their promotion and conservation.

Pest and disease surveillance in coconut-based cropping system

E.K. Saneera

Pest surveillance in coconut-intercropped vegetable systems revealed diverse infestation patterns. Key findings included high aphid populations in *Gliricidia*, severe defoliation of Amaranthus by leaf webbers, and jassid-induced chlorosis in brinjal. Notably, rugose

spiralling whitefly incidence in coconut peaked in dwarf varieties before showing a significant natural decline, providing insights into pest dynamics within these integrated island ecosystems.



Morphometric characterisation of desi birds in Andaman, Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands

T.Sujatha, Jai Sunder and Bina Mishra

Morphometric traits (physical body measurements) are essential tools to understand and preserve native or "desi" bird populations. The physical measurements (morphometry traits) of native (desi) birds from two island regions: Minicoy (Lakshadweep) and the Andaman & Nicobar (A&N) Islands indicated that Minicoy birds are physically larger and A&N birds are heavier desi birds. Based on the length of wing and shank, it is inferred that Minicoy birds likely have a much higher capacity for flight and mobility. The A&N birds have significantly shorter wings. This suggests a more sedentary or "ground-heavy" bird, which aligns

with their much higher body weight. They are built for mass rather than agility. Longer shank length depicts usually correlate with better foraging ability in tall grass. Longer necks of these desi birds allow them to reach food in higher vegetation or deeper crevices and provide a better field of vision to spot predators scavenging. Body circumference suggested that the desi birds of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands have a larger girth. This aligns with their higher body weight (1458g vs 1167.7g), indicating they are physically bulkier and more robust than the Minicoy birds.

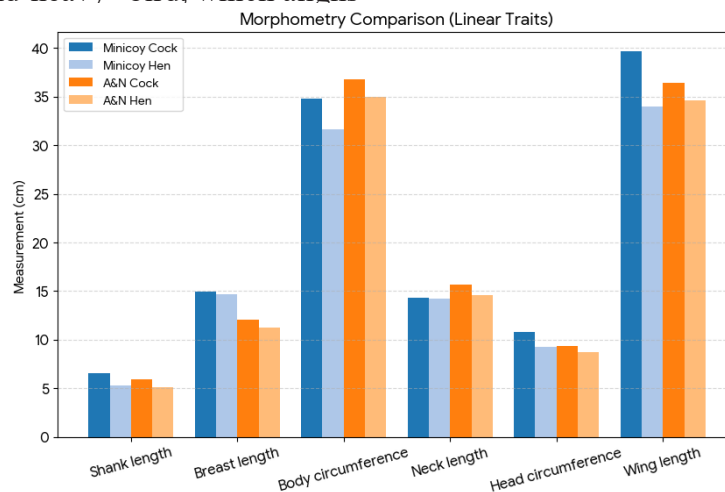


Plate 6. Desi Cock & Desi Hen

Front Line Demonstration

Sl.No	FLD	Place	Output	Outcome/impact
1	Dweep Dhan 10 rice variety and Integrated Crop Management (ICM),	KVK Nimbudera	19.3% higher yield (5.33 t/ha)	Net return of ₹55,850/ha and benefit-cost ratio of 1.85
2	Dweep Carp Grower Feed (90 days trial)	KVK Nimbudera	Increasing from 70.75 kg to 138 kg per 0.1 ha, with 48.73 percent gain	Net returns doubled @ ₹5,500 with B:C ratio of 1.36.

Sl.No	FLD	Place	Output	Outcome/impact
3	Vermicomposting across 10 farming units established	KVK Nimbudera	Produced an average of 800 kg/Unit	A gross cost of ₹9,000 and returns of ₹26,400, the net profit of ₹17,400/ unit, with B:C ratio of 2.93.
4	Brinjal Variety Dweep CIARI-1 & 2	KVK Nicobar	168 q/ha (48.67% higher yield)	Net Return: ₹3.67 Lakh/ha With B:C Ratio: 3.62
5	Dweep Coconut Leaf Separator	KVK Nicobar	Capacity: 60-80 leaves/hour	Labor Reduction: 75% B:C Ratio: 2.15
6	Cassava Harvesting Machine	KVK Nicobar	40 plants/hr (vs 18 manual)	Cost Reduction: ₹6000 to ₹2500/acre Quality: Damage reduced from 15% to 3%



Plate 7. FLD Dweep Dhan 10



Plate 8. Carp nursery feeding operations



Plate 9. Nursery Management of Carp by using starter feed

On Farm Trials (OFTs)

Sl. No	FLD	Place	Output	Outcome/Impact
1	Dweep Dhan 7: Evaluation of High Yielding Medium Duration Paddy	KVK Nimbudera	Produced 4.6 t ha ⁻¹ , a 39% increase over the local variety (3.3 t ha ⁻¹).	Net return of ₹43,178 ha ⁻¹ , earning farmers an extra ₹17,693/ha with a B:C ratio of 1.69.
2	Evaluation of Starter Feeds for Effective Nursery Management of Carp	KVK Nimbudera	Achieved 45.93% survival and 290 mg final weight. Recorded an SGR of 12.68% day ⁻¹ and weight gain of 288.50 mg.	Significant improvement over traditional survival (26.92%). Attained a superior BC ratio of 2.01, compared to 1.59 (farm-made) and 1.31 (traditional).



Plate 10. Dweep Dhan 7 & Dweep Dhan 11

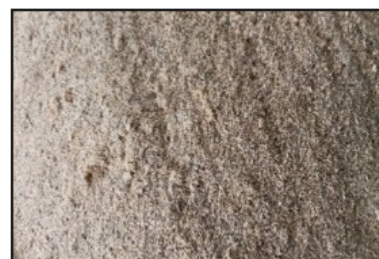


Plate 11. Nursery Management of Carp by using starter feed



Plate 12. Brinjal Variety Dweep CIARI-1 & 2



Plate 13. Demonstration on Dweep Coconut Leaf Separator

Plate 14. Demonstration on Cassava Harvesting Machine for Harvesting Efficiency

Scheduled Tribe Component

Programme	Number	No of Beneficiaries (M+F=T)
Trainings	15	634+497= 1131
Demonstration	10	488+362=850
Input distribution	3668 + 100 number of coconut dehusker, 60 numbers of coconut climbing device, 14760 feet ² PVC coated wire mesh, 10 spade with handle, 1000 sweet potato cuttings, 1000 Tapioca setts, 200 numbers vegetable seed kits, 18 numbers piglets, 6 numbers adult goat and 100 numbers Dweep Leaf Separator, 100 Kadaknath chicks	437+333=770



Plate 15. Distribution of inputs to the Nicobari tribes on 28.02.2026



Plate 16. Distribution of Goat germplasm under AICRP on Goat Improvement Project at Car Nicobar.

Important Events Held

Seven Crop Varieties from Andaman & Nicobar Islands Dedicated to the Nation Sri Vijaya Puram

The dedication of seven “Dweep” crop varieties in Sri Vijaya Puram marks a significant leap toward agricultural self-reliance and nutritional security for the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The Dweep Dhan rice series provides a dual-purpose strategy where varieties 8 and 9 are biofortified with Zinc, Iron,

and Protein to improve public health, while varieties 7 and 10 prioritize high productivity and resilience against Bacterial Leaf Blight. Complementing these staples, the Dweep Mung 1 and 4 and Dweep Urd 1 pulse varieties offer the yield stability necessary to encourage crop diversification, ensuring farmers can optimize their land use and income throughout the year.



Plate 17. Seven Crop Varieties from Andaman & Nicobar Islands Dedicated to the Nation Sri Vijaya Puram

Student Exposure Visit on Agricultural Research and Innovation at ICAR-CIARI

On January 5, 2026, 240 students from PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 2 visited ICAR-CIARI to gain exposure to modern island agriculture. The visit featured interactive sessions on fisheries, focusing on pond ecosystem management and maintaining optimal oxygen levels for fish health; horticulture, highlighting techniques for year-round vegetable production and the nutritional benefits of leafy greens; and integrated farming, emphasizing resource recycling and waste management for enhanced productivity. Students also explored aquariums showcasing endemic fish species as a potential sustainable income source and toured the medicinal garden equipped with IoT-based automated irrigation systems. The program, led by Dr. Jai Sunder, underscored the importance of technology and scientific management in strengthening local food security.



Plate 18. Student Exposure Visit on Agricultural Research and Innovation

Rashtriya Karmayogi Jan Seva Workshop (Batch-II and III) Conducted at ICAR-CIARI

On January 19, 2026 and Jan 30 2026, ICAR-CIARI conducted the second and third batch of the Rashtriya Karmayogi Jan Seva Workshop for 84 staff members as part of the National Mission on Karmayogi. The session focused on role-based learning and outcome-oriented governance to improve public service delivery. Led by Master Trainers Dr. R. Kiruba Sankar



Plate 19. Rashtriya Karmayogi Jan Seva Workshop

and Mr. Kanishk Bhukar under Dr. Jai Sunder, the workshop aimed to enhance professional competency and institutional effectiveness.

ICAR-CIARI Commemorates the 77th Republic Day with National Pride at Garacharma Campus

On January 26, 2026, ICAR-CIARI celebrated the 77th Republic Day, during which Director Dr. Jai Sunder highlighted a year marked by “historic milestones” in island agriculture. The institute achieved significant varietal advancements, with 18 crop varieties recommended by the SVRC and 7 varieties, including rice and pulses, officially released by the CVRC. In the area of technology and innovation, five technologies were commercialized, five patents were secured, and the official “Dweep” trademark was registered. Fisheries research also progressed with advancements in biofloc culture and seaweed research, along with the installation of a second Fish Aggregating Device in Minicoy. On the outreach front, the institute achieved 100 percent staff training under Mission Karmayogi and received national recognition for fisheries success stories. The Director emphasized the need to continue contributing towards Atmanirbhar Bharat 2047 through sustainable research initiatives and the Agro-Eco Walk program.



Plate 20. 77th Republic Day

Farmer Awareness Programme on Dry Season Farming Held at Shaheed Dweep

On January 29, 2026, ICAR-CIARI organized a dry-season farming workshop for 33 farmers at Shaheed Dweep, focusing on managing low rainfall conditions from January to April through weather-based farming and water conservation strategies. The program emphasized the use of digital tools such as Meghdoot and M-Kisan apps to access real-time agricultural advisories. Farmers were trained on key techniques including efficient irrigation scheduling, moisture conservation practices, and suitable crop selection to enhance productivity under water-scarce conditions. The workshop was conducted under the GKMS project with guidance from Dr. Jai Sunder, Director ICAR-CIARI.



Matsyamela-2026 (RS Minicoy)

At Matsyamela-2026, ICAR-CIARI showcased four key technologies for Lakshadweep: Integrated Farming (IFS) for diversification, Coconut Germplasm for productivity, Dweep Poultry Feed for cost-savings, and biopesticides for eco-friendly pest control. The initiative, led by Dr. Saneera E. K., aimed to strengthen island livelihoods through direct farmer-scientist interaction.



Plate 21. Matsyamela-2026

Deployment of Fish Aggregating Device (RS Minicoy)

On January 18, 2026, ICAR-CIARI and the Maliku Fishermen Society deployed a second Fish Aggregating Device (FAD) off Minicoy Island to boost tuna catches and reduce fuel costs. Dr. Jai Sunder, Director ICAR-CIARI noted the technology is vital for sustainable fisheries and improving the socio-economic security of the local fishing community.



Plate 22. Deployment of FAD

Kisan Mela-2026 cum Exhibition

On February 27, 2026, ICAR-CIARI hosted Kisan Mela-2026, which was inaugurated by Dr. A. K. Nayak, DDG, ICAR. The event featured the inauguration of the “Sanvardhan” plant facility and a portable carp hatchery, strengthening the institute’s infrastructure support for farmers. An exhibition comprising 16 stalls showcased innovations in



Plate 23. Kisan Mela 2026

fisheries, livestock, and crop production to around 400 farmers. The mela also emphasized advisory services, promoting agrometeorological services, intercropping practices, and NABARD-supported schemes to enhance farmers’ income. Overall, the program aimed at strengthening farmer–scientist linkages to advance sustainable and market-oriented agriculture in the islands.

Visit of Press Tour of media delegation to ICAR-CIARI, Sri Vijaya Puram

On February 9–10, 2026, a national media delegation from PIB visited ICAR-CIARI to review agricultural innovations in the islands. The visit aimed at understanding ongoing research efforts focused on enhancing food security and reducing dependence on the mainland. The delegation toured key facilities including the World Coconut Germplasm Centre and spice processing units, where they observed agro-eco-tourism initiatives in practice. During the interaction, Dr. Jai Sunder, Director ICAR-CIARI highlighted the institute’s work on germplasm conservation, development of disease-resistant crop varieties, and promotion of sustainable livelihood options to support island self-reliance.



Plate 24. Visit of press tour of media delegation to ICAR-CIARI

National Conference on One Health Synergy: Integrating Human, Animal, Plant and Aquatic Life for a Sustainable Future

On February 25, 2026, ICAR-CIARI in collaboration with the Andaman Science Association launched a national conference on the “One Health” approach, emphasizing the integration of human, animal, and environmental health to address challenges such as zoonotic diseases and antimicrobial resistance. The conference focused on strengthening interdisciplinary collaboration to safeguard fragile island ecosystems and biodiversity. The event brought together over 190 experts, providing a platform to deliberate and develop sustainable health and conservation strategies tailored to the island context.



Plate 25. National Conference on One Health Synergy: Integrating Human, Animal and Aquatic Life for a sustainable future

ICAR-CIARI Celebrated International Women’s Day

ICAR-CIARI celebrated International Women’s Day by organizing a training program for 65 participants focused on workplace safety and women’s empowerment. The session emphasized legal awareness, particularly the provisions of the POSH Act (2013), along with digital safety, and was led by experts Smt. Rinku Narayan and Smt. Rubina Siddiqui. Participants were informed about key support systems, including emergency helplines such as 181, 14416, and 1098, and the importance of workplace ethics and counseling was highlighted. Dr. Jai Sunder, Director ICAR-CIARI and Dr. T. Sujatha I/c Women Cell noted that the institute empowers around 800 women annually through specialized training in agricultural technologies.



Plate 26. International Women’s Day

Awards/ Honours/Recognitions

Date	Name	Achievement/recognition	Event
25.02.2026 - 27.02.2026	Dr. I. Jaisankar Dr. Abhilash Manasseh Moses E. M Kottaiyammal N Aarthi	Best Poster presentation award	National Conference on One Health Synergy: Integrating Human, Animal, Plant and Aquatic Life for a Sustainable Future. Andaman Science Association
08.02.2026	Dr. I. Jaisankar Dr. Abhilash	Letter of appreciation received from Tribal Council Chairman, Great and Little Andaman	Training and Awareness program
09.03.2026	Dr. I. Jaisankar Dr. Abhilash KVK, Car Nicobar	Appreciation Letter from Tribal Council Car Nicobar	
25.02.2026	Dr. Abhilash	Dr. S. Dam Roy Young Scientist Award	Andaman Science Association

Date	Name	Achievement/recognition	Event
11.03.2026	Dr. Abhilash	Panelist/Key Speaker	Delivered a lecture as Panelist/Key Speaker on “Climate-informed Agricultural Water Management in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands” in <i>One Day Workshop on “Utilization of Outcomes of National Aquifer Mapping and Management (NAQUIM), Phase-I and Phase-II by the Union Territory Administration, Andaman and Nicobar Islands”</i> at Megapode Resort, Haddo, Sri Vijaya Puram.
25.02.2026	Dr. R Kiruba Sankar	Dr. A.K. Bandopadhyay Outstanding Scientist Award	Andaman Science Association (ASA) on 25 February 2026
26.02.2026		Best Poster Presentation Award (NICMIS App: Coastal Biodiversity Monitoring in Car Nicobar Island)	
20.01.2026		Domain Expert Selection Committee – MSME Hackathon 5.0	
25.02.2026	Dr. Ajit Arun Waman Dr. Pooja Bohra	Fellow of Andaman Science Association	National Conference on One Health Synergy: Integrating Human, Animal, Plant and Aquatic Life for a Sustainable Future
28.01.2026	Dr. Ajit Arun Waman	External examiner for M.Sc. thesis from Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur	External Examiner
17.03.2026		Invited talk on ‘Exploring the Sap Potential of <i>Nypa fruticans</i> ’	National Level Online Brainstorming Meeting on Oil-yielding and Neera Tapping Palms (other than Coconut and Oil Palm)
10.03.2026	Dr. Pooja Bohra	Delivered an invited talk on ‘Unique (Underutilized) Horticultural Diversity of Andaman and Nicobar Islands’	Twin training programmes conducted by the Department of Tourism, ANI Administration for tourist guides and eco-tourist guides
10.03.2026	Dr. Ajit Arun Waman	Delivered an invited talk on ‘Agro-ecotourism in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands’	

Trainings/ Meetings/Campaigns

Name of the training/meeting/campaign programme	Venue	Date	Participants (M/F/T)	Organizing committee/coordinators
Awareness Programme on Antimicrobial Resistance in Fisheries	Diglipur	03.01.2026	19/3/22	Dr. J. Praveenraj and team ICAR-CIARI
Training Programme on Processing and Value Addition in Moringa	Bakultala Gram Panchayat	05.01.2026 to 07.01.2026	0/30/30	Mr. Yatharth Sharma Er. Manoj Kumar Mr. Subam Debroy Dr. Rakesh Dawar
Training Programme on Soil moisture conservation techniques for plantation crops	Shantipur, Swadeshnagar gram panchayat	08.01.2026 to 10.01.2026	15/10/25	Er. Manoj Kumar Mr. Subam Debroy Dr. Rakesh Dawar
Awareness programme on illegal introduction & unauthorized import of exotic species	Mohanpur, Diglipur	13.01.2026	33/2/35	
Training on Advanced agricultural practices for cultivation of oilseeds	Community Hall, Chainpur	13.01.2026 to 15.01.2026	26/4/30	Dr. Rakesh Dawar Er. Manoj Kumar Mr. Subam Debroy Mr. Yatharth Sharma
Farmer Awareness program on “शुष्क मौसम में सफल खेती :ग्रामीण कृषि मौसम सेवा के माध्यम से मौसम जागरूकता एवं जल प्रबंधन”	Shaheed Dweep, South Andaman	28.01.2026 to 30.01.2026	25/08/33	Dr. Abhilash, Dr. I. Jaisankar Dr. Hemareddy Thimmareddy
Information and awareness on scientific pig rearing practices	ICAR-KVK	03.02.2026 to 05.02.2026	11/15/26	Dr. P.A. Bala Dr. Zachariah George
Exposure Visit of Trainees to Livestock Farm of Dept AH&VS and ICAR-CIARI, SVP	Livestock Farm of Dept AH&VS Dollygunj, AICRP-Pig, ICARCIARI, SVP ICAR-KVK, SA	05.02.2026	10/15/25	Dr. P.A. Bala Dr. Zachariah George
Live Telecast of Launch of Bharat Vistaar App	ICAR-KVK and ICAR-CIARI	17.02.2026	31/24/55	Dr. Y. Ramakrishna Dr. Zachariah George Dr. Pooja Kapoor Mr. Mohit
Training Programme on Scientific Cultivation of Spices as Intercrops in the Plantation Based Cropping Systems	ICAR-CIARI	18.02.2026	2/82/84	Dr. Ajit Arun Waman Dr. Pooja Bohra

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NFDB Sponsored Training Programme on Integrated fish farming	Madhupur & Radhanagar	18.02.2026 to 20.02.2026	32/10/42	Mr. Subam Debroy Mr. Yatharth Sharma Er. Manoj Kumar
Training on Soil Health Management for Sustainable Agriculture	Webi, Mayabunder	19.02.2026 to 21.02.2026	15/10/25	Dr. Rakesh Dawar Er. Manoj Kumar Mr. Subam Debroy
Natural farming under Tuber crops based Integrated Farming System	Rajiv Nagar, Afra Bay and Chingam villages of Great Nicobar Islands	24.02.2026 to 26.02.2026	88/71/159	Dr. I. Jaisankar Dr. Abhilash Dr. Santosh Kumar
Awareness program on Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Right Act	Gopal Nagar, Chouldari	20.02.2026	18/36/54	Dr. I. Jaisankar Dr. Abhilash Dr. Y. Ramakrishna Dr. P. Prabhu
Integrated farming system for livelihood improvement of the tribal farmers and Input Distribution	Farmers from Car Nicobar Venue at ICAR-CIARI Sri Vijaya Puram	24.02.2026 to 26.02.2026	14/9/23	Dr. I. Jaisankar Dr. Abhilash Dr. Santosh Kumar Dr. Y. Ramakrishna Dr. P. Prabhu
Training cum input distribution programme on Scientific Harvesting and Postharvest Handling of Cinnamon	ICAR-CIARI	27.02.2026 to 28.02.2026	10/8/18	Dr. Ajit Arun Waman Dr. Pooja Bohra
Tuber crop based farming system and its important to improve the livelihood of the farmers of the Islands Under AICRP-TC-TSP	Kakana and Tapoiming Villages of Car Nicobar	06.03.2026 to 07.03.2026	92/68/160	Dr. I. Jaisankar Dr. Abhilash Dr. Santosh Kumar
Natural farming and Integrated farming for livelihood improvement of farmers and Input Distribution Under AICRP-IFS-TSP	Perka and Big Lapathy villages of Car Nicobar	08.03.2026 & 09.03.2026	82/70/152	
Natural farming and integrated farming system for livelihood management of tribal farmers	Kakana, Tapoinming, Perka	07.03.2026 to 09.03.2026	127/173/300	Dr. I. Jaisankar
Farm planning and management for sustainable income generation	Nancowry Island	11.03.2026 to 13.03.2026	13/17/30	Dr. Ajmal
Farmer Awareness program on मौसम की सही जानकारी, बेहतर खेती की तैयारी – GKMS कृषि-मौसम सलाह सेवाएँ	IFS Garacharma Farm, ICAR-CIARI	18.03.2026	45/19/64	Dr. Abhilash, Dr. I. Jaisankar Dr. Hemareddy Thimmareddy

Name of the training/meeting/campaign programme	Venue	Date	Participants (M/F/T)	Organizing committee/coordinators
Skill development training programme on fish disease diagnosis and management (Photo 3)	ICAR-CIARI	25.3.2026 to 27.03.2026	7/6/13	J. Praveenraj and team, ICAR-CIARI
Round the year cultivation of vegetable in low cost poly house	Big Lapathy	23.03.2026 to 24.03.2026	20/05/30	Dr. Akshay

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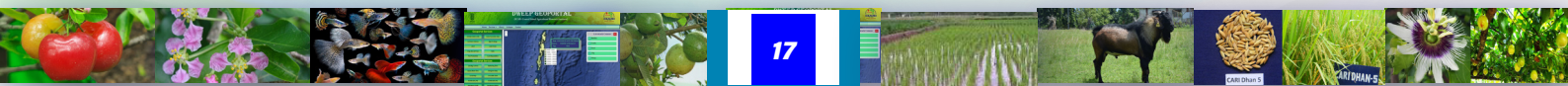
Kisan choupal



Live Streaming of PM-KISAN 22nd Installment by KVK Nicobar

KVK Nicobar held a live session for the 22nd PM-KISAN installment, focusing on digital tools for

financial aid. The initiative boosted transparency by training farmers to check payments and register grievances online, ensuring direct and timely access to government support.



IPRs/Commercialisation of Technology

Granted Design Patents:

- Dweep Caprine Semen Collect Crate (Patent No. 456154-001, dated 05.03.2026; Scientific team: Dr. P. Perumal, Dr. R.R. Alyethodi, Dr. Jai Sunder, and Dr. E.B. Chakurkar.
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Trademark

- Vertigrow (Application No. 6519674, Trade Marks Journal No. 2247, dated 09/02/2026, Class 31) under plants, seeds, fresh vegetables, and natural plants and flowers.
- Gau Maa Humpsore Rakshak (Application No. 6519677, Trade Marks Journal No. 2247, dated 09/02/2026, Class 5) under veterinary antiseptics, antibacterial and antifungal preparations, miticides, fly repellents, and medicinal formulations for treating humpsore in cattle and buffaloe

Women empowerment activities/trainings

Name of the training/meeting/campaign programme	Venue	Date	Participants (M/F/T)	Organizing committee/coordinators
Training Programme on “Processing and Value Addition in Moringa”	Bakultala Gram Panchayat	5- 7 th Jan, 2026	0/30/30	Mr. Yatharth Sharma Er. Manoj Kumar Mr. Subam Debroy Dr. Rakesh Dawar

Participation in seminars/ symposia/ conferences/ workshop

Name	Programme	Details
Dr. I. Jaisankar Dr. Abhilash Dr. Arkadeb Mukhopadhyay Dr. M. Muruganandam Dr. R. Kiruba Sankar Dr. D. Karunakaran Dr. J. Praveen Raj Dr. Manoj Kumar Mr. Yatharth Sharma Mr. Subam Debroy Dr. Rakesh Dawar	National Conference	One Health Synergy: Integrating Human, Animal, Plant and Aquatic Life for a Sustainable Future. Andaman Science Association & ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute, Sri Vijaya Puram, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, 25-27 February 2026.
Dr. M. Muruganandam	UTLAMC meeting of PMMSY under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (Fisheries), A&N Administration	Organized at Secretariat, A&N Islands on 20 March 2026.

Distinguished visitors

NABARD & KVK Initiatives in Car Nicobar

- **Livelihood Project:** The NABARD General Manager (Feb 12–14) inaugurated a community-based project at Big Lapathy village to boost rural income through resource capacity building.
- **Input Distribution:** The Assistant Commissioner (March 11) distributed agricultural inputs at KVK Nicobar to promote scientific farming and increase local productivity.

Distinguished visitors to RS Minicoy

- A total of 169 visits across three sites provided farmers with essential agricultural support:
- **Distributions:** Beneficiaries including Aboobakker, Sajeer Iqbal, and Mrs. Farhana received vegetable seedlings and flowers, while Ibrahim Aoukodi collected fruit fly traps.
 - **Services:** Support covered nursery and pest management, veterinary medicines, and ornamental plant care to enhance local farming productivity.

New projects/ initiatives & Infrastructure development

- **Infrastructure:** On February 26, 2026, Dr. A.K. Nayak, DDG (NRM), inaugurated a new plant hardening facility at ICAR-CIARI, equipped with sensor-based humidity control and raised platforms to enhance the acclimatization of tissue culture and perennial horticultural plants.
- **New project:** NABARD-supported project for KVK, Car Nicobar on Boosting livelihoods and ensuring nutritional security through horticulture development, the Bhumi Suposhan”.

Other Information

From January to March 2026, ICAR-CIARI issued 24 bilingual agro-advisory bulletins and one Impact Based Forecast. Key outreach efforts included sending 33,425 SMS alerts and expanding to 7 new villages via

5 new WhatsApp groups. The institute also hosted a Kisan Mela (Feb 27–28), registering 106 new farmers to receive real-time weather and crop updates.

Particulars	Total Dissemination Count	
	English	Hindi
Agro-Advisories Bulletins	24	24
Impact Based Forecast (IBF)	01	01
SMS sent	-	33425
Whatsapp group created from 01 st January 2026 to Till date	05 (95 farmers joined)	
Farmers Awareness Program (FAP)	02 (Shaheed Dweep and CIARI)	
Kisan Mela (CIARI, Sri Vijaya Puram)	106 farmers (registered as beneficiaries)	

- **Interaction with PBMC members on Composting** - On March 16, 2026, ICAR-CIARI experts provided technical guidance to PBMC members on upgrading municipal waste management. They recommended improving waste segregation, pre-processing organic materials, and integrating vermicomposting with enhanced infrastructure. The PBMC requested further collaboration to implement these scientific composting and waste-disposal technologies.
- Under the DST project on Coastal Fisheries Information Hub, the assets and infrastructure

developed under the project were formally handed over to the Chairman and Tribal Captain, office of the tribal council, through an agreement on 28 February 2026.



Plate 27. DST Coastal Fisheries assets handed over to Tribal Council



- Fisheries Science Division, CIARI has given clarification and technical input on harvesting of *Anadara granosa* (Blood clams) in Andaman & Nicobar Waters to State Fisheries Department in response to the request from the Agency.
- Fisheries Science Division, CIARI, inaugurated a newly established portable carp hatchery at Garacharma Research Farm on 27.2.2026 .
- Fisheries Science Division, CIARI exposed Para-Taxonomist & Eco-tourism trainees from ZSI, Sri Vijaya Puram to fish lab, modern taxonomic tools and fisheries potentials.
- As members of technical support group (TSG) constituted for execution of Andaman and Nicobar Administration's statewide initiative- SPICE PRAVAH, Dr. Ajit Arun Waman and Dr. Pooja Bohra carried out field visits and provided expert guidance to the department officials as well as farmers in various parts of South Andaman Island, Baratang Island, Middle Andaman Island, North Andaman Island, Kamorta Island, Katchal Island and Teressa Island during February, 2026.
- **Farm Development (Regional Station, Minicoy)-** Farm development activities at the

Regional Station, Minicoy, were carried out in a 5.2 ha coconut garden to evaluate and demonstrate improved technologies for farmer adoption. Field operations included transplantation of chilli, ornamental crops like cosmos, and coconut saplings, along with soil preparation, manure application, nutrient sprays, staking, and pruning across different blocks. Nursery and ornamental activities involved propagation of rose cuttings, raising chilli and brinjal seedlings, introduction of diverse chilli varieties, and establishment of aesthetic landscaping. Crop management practices in the coconut garden included systematic planting, land preparation, and nutrient management, while fodder and livestock units were maintained under scientific practices. In addition, organic biofertilizers prepared from groundnut cake, cow dung, and neem cake, along with fish amino acid application, were used to enhance soil health and crop productivity. Overall, these integrated activities aimed at improving crop performance and promoting sustainable, replicable practices for effective transfer to farmers' fields.

Personnel

New Entrants

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	ICAR Joining	CIARI Joining
1.	Mr. Aditya Sharma	Assistant	02.02.2026	02.02.2026

Transfers

Sl.No	Name	Designation	Transfer To/From	Relieve Date
1.	Dr. Arun Kumar De	Sr. Scientist	ICAR-CIFRI, Barrackpore	23.01.2026

Retirement

Sl.No.	Name	Designation	Date of Retirement
1.	Dr. Debasis Bhattacharya	Pr. Scientist	31.03.2026

Left for Heavenly Abode

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Date of Expiry
1	Late Dr. V. Damodaran	Sr. Scientist-cum- Head	06.02.2026

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