



## ICAR-CIARI Organises Mangrove Plantation Drive at Minicoy

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**Minicoy, June 9:** The scientific team of ICAR-CIARI Regional Station, Minicoy in collaboration with ICAR-CMFRI, Field Lab, Kavaratti & ISS (New Delhi) organized mangrove plantation drive on 5th and 6th June, 2025 in connection with 'World Environment Day Celebration 2025'. The plantation drive was carried at Eastern side & South Tundi point of Minicoy under the campaign slogan "Putting an End to Plastic Pollution" and aimed at enhancing coastal biodiversity and raising awareness about the importance of mangrove ecosystems. The plantation was done with mangrove varieties like *Avicennia* (150 nos.), *Rhizophora* (50 nos.), *Bruguiera* (200 nos.) (& *Kandelia* (100 nos.)). The plantation drive was conducted in presence of local community leaders, officials from department of forest, Ashaworkers and other stakeholders. Their involvement played a crucial role in spreading environmental consciousness and encouraging sustainable practices within the Island community. This plantation drive reflects a strong collaborative effort towards environmental conservation and aligns with global efforts to combat climate change, restore natural habitats, and reduce plastic pollution.

The scientific team comprising of Dr. Gladston Y. Ajina S.M. & Dr. Abdul Azeez along with Shri. Shareefuddeen Hassan (T5) Shri. Arif M.I (T2) conducted the programme under the Chairmanship of Dr. E. B. Chakurkar, Director ICAR- CIARI.