

## ICAR-KVK South Andaman and Department of Agriculture Organize Programme for 19th Instalment of PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi

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**Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb 24:** ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), South Andaman, in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture, Andaman and Nicobar Administration, successfully organized a special programme to mark the release of the 19<sup>th</sup> instalment of the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi on February 24, 2025, at ICAR-CIARI, Sri Vijaya Puram. The event featured a live telecast of the Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's address, allowing attendees to witness the national programme in real time.

Dr. Apurva Sharma, Director of Agriculture, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and engaged with farmers, discussing the challenges they face in adopting natural farming practices.

The Guest of Honour, Dr. E. B. Chakurkar, Director of ICAR-CIARI, motivated farmers to explore entrepreneurial opportunities through sustainable and natural farming techniques. As a token of encouragement for their dedication to natural farming, selected farmers were felicitated with mementos. Additionally, the Department of Agriculture distributed garden kits and bee boxes to further support and promote sustainable agricultural practices.

The programme was coordinated by Shri Mohit, Subject Matter Specialist (Plant Protection), and saw active participation from 63 male farmers, 36 farm women, and 25 officials. The event was conducted under the guidance of Dr. E. B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI. This initiative reaffirmed the commitment of ICAR-KVK South Andaman and the Department of Agriculture towards empowering farmers through sustainable and innovative farming practices.