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ICAR-CIARI organizes Workshop on Import Substitution in Spices

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In order to explore the prospects of commercial spices production and export from Andaman and Nicobar Islands, a workshop was organized by ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute, Sri Vijaya Puram on April 2, 2025 in virtual mode. Ms. Pallavi Sarkar, IAS, Secretary (Agri.), A & N Administration lauded the efforts made by the ICAR-CIARI in organizing the important event with eminent experts in the field from pertinent organizations.

In her remarks, the Secretary (Agri.) thanked the experts for their valuable inputs and assured that the programme would be followed by action oriented stakeholders' meetings to carve a roadmap for promotion of spice cultivation and

trade in the Islands. She also instructed the Departmental officials to take up necessary steps to develop mother gardens and nurseries in the Departmental farms and establish post harvest infrastructure in various production pockets of the Islands. Funding for these initiatives could be explored from various relevant schemes of the Department.

Earlier, Dr. E.B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI, emphasized upon the importance of spice crops in the Island agriculture and their contribution in livelihood generation for the local farmers as well as traders. Dr. Ajit Arun Waman, Senior Scientist, ICAR-CIARI and Organizing Secretary of the event, gave a presentation on status and possibilities of quality spices

production in the Islands. Dr. R. Praveena, Senior Scientist, ICAR-Indian Institute of Spices Research, Kozhikode gave a detailed presentation on sustainable production technologies for organic spices in Andamans.

Dr. Homey Cheriyan, Director, Directorate of Arecanut and Spices Development (Govt. of India), Kozhikode gave an insightful presentation on the import and export trends of spices from India. Dr. Rema Shree A.B., Director (Research), Spices Board (Govt. of India), Kochi, Kerala highlighted the issues pertaining to the export of spices from India and the initiatives being taken by the Spices Board in encouraging spice exporters from across the country, a press release from CIARI said.