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## Two-day Kisan Mela concludes with valedictory prog. at CIARI Adopting Organic Farming, Drone Technology, IT & Farm Mechanization can significantly enhance agricultural productivity: DG Fertilizer Association of India

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The two-day Kisan Mela concluded with a valedictory function yesterday. Over 400 farmers from various clusters across South, Middle and North Andaman & Nicobar participated in the event. Dr. S.K. Chaudhary, Director General of the Fertilizer Association of India and former Deputy Director General of Natural Resource Management at ICAR, New Delhi was the chief guest on the occasion.

In his address, the chief guest stressed that all scientists at the Institute and KVKs are committed to



transferring innovative technologies and methodologies to the farming community. He encouraged the farmers to share the knowledge gained from the Kisan Mela with their fellow farmers in their villages. He also mentioned that adopting techniques such as organic farming, drone technology, information technology,

and farm mechanization could significantly enhance agricultural productivity. He advised the farmers to leverage the support provided by the scientists at the Institute and KVK to independently advance their cultivation practices using modern technologies. He also

urged them to explore agro-eco tourism by integrating various elements such as crops, livestock, culture, heritage, and flowers to attract tourists.

In his address, Dr. E.B. Chakurkar, Director of ICAR-CIARI, commended the active participation of farmers and other stakeholders in the two day Mela. He mentioned that the issues and inputs raised by farmers would assist the Institute's scientists in developing new research projects to address specific agricultural challenges.

During the event, five farmers were

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honored for their successful implementation of agricultural technologies and entrepreneurial ventures, representing three different districts. Additionally, awards for the best stall were presented to the Institute, the Agricultural Department, and Self-Help Groups (SHGs).

Earlier, Dr. V. Damodaran, Senior



Scientist and Head of KVK, N&M Andaman, welcomed the gathering. Dr. Santosh Kumar, Senior Scientist and Head of KVK Nicobar, provided a brief overview of the Kisan Mela, while Dr. Y. Ramakrishna, Principal Scientist and Head of KVKs, delivered the vote of thanks, a press release from CIARI said.