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Live telecast of release of 21st Installment of Prime Minister Kisan Samman Nidhi prog at ICAR-CIARI

SRI VIJAYA PURAM, NOV 19/--/ The ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute (CIARI), Sri Vijaya Puram, in collaboration with ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), South Andaman, organized a programme to witness the live telecast of the release of the 21st installment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) on 19 November 2025.

The event was held in the esteemed presence of Honourable Member of Parliament Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, Dr. Jai Sunder, Director (A), ICAR-CIARI, PRI members, and farmers from various villages. In his address, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray shared his experiences in natural farming and urged farmers to adopt advanced scientific technologies developed by ICAR-CIARI for improving the socio-economic status of island farmers. He also interacted with participants, responding to their queries related to agriculture and allied sectors. Dr. Jai Sunder highlighted the importance of Natural Farming Practices, the Gokul Mission, and the necessity of poultry vaccination for ensuring sustainable agricultural growth in the islands. Dr. Y. Ramakrishna, Principal Scientist and Head, KVK South Andaman, explained natural farming-based approaches for pest and disease management. Dr. Ajit Waman, Senior Scientist, CIARI, discussed whitefly management and shared strategies to enhance the yield of local spice crops. Shri Chittaranjan Raul, Scientist, briefed the



participants on biofloc technology and inland fish farming.

During the national telecast, Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi released the 21st installment of PM-KISAN after inaugurating the South India Natural Farming Summit 2025 in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. The installment, amounting to over Rs. 18,000 crore, has benefitted nearly nine crore farmers across India, supporting them in purchasing essential farm inputs and meeting family needs such as education, healthcare, and other household expenses. A total of 271 farmers and farmwomen from various island villages participated in the programme conducted at ICAR-CIARI, Sri Vijaya Puram, KVK North & Middle Andaman, and KVK Nicobar.