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The ICAR–Central Island Agricultural Research Institute (ICAR-CIARI), Sri Vijaya Puram, in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Nicobar and KVK, South Andaman, on Tuesday organized a day-long meeting-cum-field visit for senior leaders of the Tribal Council, Car Nicobar.

Mr. T. Lionald Nicomed, Chairman, Tribal Council, Car Nicobar, and Mr. John Levi, Deputy Vice Chairman, visited KVK South Andaman and several research farms of ICAR-CIARI, where they interacted with scientists and reviewed ongoing research initiatives. The visiting dignitaries expressed their appreciation for the engagement and showed keen interest in adopting technologies tailored to the needs of the Nicobar group of islands.

Dr. Jai Sunder, Director, ICAR-CIARI, commended the Council leaders for accepting the institute's invitation and for sharing their vision for the future of agriculture and allied sectors in Car Nicobar. During an interactive session, discussions centred on improving agricultural productivity in the Nicobar region, fostering entrepreneurship among youth, exploring food processing as a means to curb migration, and addressing challenges faced by local farmers.

Dr. Sunder urged the Tribal Council to work with village councils to identify priority issues and specific developmental requirements, assuring full technical support from ICAR-CIARI.

Earlier, Dr. Y. Ramakrishna, Principal Scientist & Head, KVK South Andaman, welcomed the gathering, and Dr. Santosh Kumar, Senior Scientist & Head, KVK Nicobar, proposed the vote of thanks. The programme was held under the overall guidance of Dr. Jai Sunder, Director, ICAR-CIARI.