



National Conference on One Health Synergy: Integrating Human, Animal, Plant and Aquatic Life for a Sustainable Future Concludes at ICAR-CIARI

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Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb 27: A two-day National Conference titled “One Health Synergy: Integrating Human, Animal, Plant and Aquatic Life for a Sustainable Future” successfully concluded on 26 February 2026 at the ICAR–Central Inland Agricultural Research Institute (ICAR-CIARI) in Sri Vijaya Puram. During the valedictory function, Dr. A. K. Nayak, DDG (NRM), ICAR, New Delhi, was the Chief Guest. The programme also featured the presence of Dr. A. Velmurugan, ADG (SWM), ICAR, New Delhi; Dr. S. Dinesh Kannan, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), A & N Islands; and Dr. Sunita Roy, Joint Director, Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, A&N Administration.

In his valedictory speech, Dr. A. K. Nayak, DDG (NRM), commended the organizers and participants for the successful conclusion of the two-day National Workshop focused on the critical elements of One Health. He highlighted that soil health is the cornerstone of plant health, which in turn affects animal health, human health, and ultimately the health of the entire ecosystem.

Dr. A. Velmurugan, ADG (SWM), underscored that conference of this kind serve as a vital platform for researchers nationwide to unite, share knowledge, and exchange experiences. He pointed out the exceptional biodiversity, unique climate, and considerable biological and ecological significance of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. He remarked that the effects of climate change have become increasingly apparent over time and emphasized that alterations in land-use patterns negatively impact ecological health.

Dr. S. Dinesh Kannan, IFS, emphasized that a healthy environment and healthy animals are essential for ensuring human well-being. He remarked that failures in research are stepping stones that ultimately lead to success and innovation. He congratulated the organizers for successfully conducting the workshop from a remote location like the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Dr. Sunita Roy outlined the various schemes being undertaken by the Andaman & Nicobar Administration and highlighted the strengthening of surveillance measures for animals brought from the mainland to ensure biosecurity and safeguard animal and public health.

Earlier, Dr. Jai Sunder, Director, ICAR–CIARI, and President, Andaman Science Association welcomed the dignitaries and briefly highlighted the activities carried out during the two-day conference and its expected outcomes. He informed that a total of 194 participants, including online delegates, attended the conference from across the nation, and 145 papers were presented, including lead papers.

Dr. T. Sujatha, Organizing Secretary of the conference and General Secretary of the Andaman Science Association, briefed the gathering about the activities of the Association and also proposed the vote of thanks. During the function, awards were presented for the Best Oral Presentation and Best Poster Presentation. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Sharath S. Yeligar, Scientist, and Dr. Pooja Kapoor.