

Field Day on High-Yielding Rice Varieties Held at Chouldari



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A Field Day on "Enhancement of Productivity and Production of Paddy through Demonstration of High-Yielding Rice Varieties" was organized at Bloomsdale Research Farm, Chouldari, on September 2, 2026, by the ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute (ICAR-CIARI), Sri Vijaya Puram, in collaboration with ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), South Andaman.

The programme was organized under the overall guidance of Dr. Jai Sunder, Director, ICAR-CIARI, with the objective of familiarizing farmers with high-yielding rice varieties and improved production technologies suited to the Islands.

The programme began with a welcome address by Mr. K. Shyam Sundar Rao, Farm Manager, who briefed the participating farmers from North and Middle Andaman and other dignitaries about the research and farm management activities being undertaken at Bloomsdale Research Farm.

Dr. P. K. Singh, Head (I/c) and Principal Scientist, FCIP Section, demonstrated the performance of various high-yielding rice varieties developed by ICAR-CIARI. He also showcased improved varieties and advanced production technologies developed by the Institute and interacted with farmers on the agricultural issues and challenges being faced by them.

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Dr. Prabhu P., Scientist, urged the participating farmers to adopt improved rice varieties and advanced agricultural technologies developed by ICAR-CIARI. He emphasized that the adoption of suitable technologies could help enhance crop productivity and production, improve farmers' livelihoods and promote sustainable agriculture in the Islands.

A total of 43 farmers, including 32 women and 11 men from North and Middle Andaman, participated in the Field Day. The participants benefited from technical deliberations, farmer–scientist interactions and field demonstrations. Officials from the Directorate of Agriculture, Andaman and Nicobar Administration, also participated in the programme.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Bikash Chandra Mondal.