## **Press Note**

The Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services has launched a new initiative in North and Middle Andaman, providing local farmers with access to sex-sorted semen. This Scheme is a sub-scheme under Rashtriya Gokul Mission, a government program designed to enhance livestock productivity and improve the genetic quality of cattle in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Approximately 90% of calves conceived using this method are female, which aims to significantly increase overall milk production. This effort supports national objectives to enhance dairy farming efficiency and achieve self-sufficiency in milk supply. Farmers can easily access this service by reaching out to their nearest veterinary hospital. The adoption of sex-sorted semen not only boosts the number of female calves in the Islands but also promotes the selective breeding of high-quality livestock, enhancing the genetic diversity of local cattle.