

Hands-On Training on Natural Farming Components

Organized in Ferrargunj

The Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services (AH&VS), in collaboration with the Agriculture Department, conducted a hands-on training and demonstration program on the preparation of natural farming components at Ferrargunj on July 14, 2025. The initiative aimed to promote sustainable farming practices and enhance agricultural productivity in the region.

The program was graced by Smti. Padmawati, Pramukh, Panchayat Samiti, Ferrargunj, as the chief guest, with Shri. A. Rajan, Panchayat Samiti member, and other Panchayat Raj Institution (PRI) members of Gram Panchayat Ferrargunj in attendance. Smti. Lalita Tigga, Block Development Officer (BDO), Ferrargunj, coordinated the event, ensuring effective organization. A total of 61 farmers participated, engaging actively in the sessions.

Dr. Satish Kumar, Senior Veterinary Officer (SVO), explained the principles of natural farming and detailed the preparation procedures for Jeevamrut and Neemastra, emphasizing their role in sustainable agriculture. Dr. Sunita Roy, SVO, highlighted the department's initiatives to promote natural farming, underscoring its importance in enhancing soil health and crop yield, and encouraged farmers to adopt these techniques. Dr. Subhash B. Palve, SVO, urged farmers to rear at least one cow or buffalo to meet household milk needs while supporting natural farming through organic inputs. Shri. Ravi Sutradhar, Agriculture Officer, elaborated on the ingredients and methods for preparing Neemastra and Jeevamrut, providing practical insights.

The program concluded with a demonstration on the preparation of Jeevamrut and Neemastra. Each farmer received 2 litres of Jeevamrut prepared at the Livestock Farm Complex, Dollygunj, and the Agriculture Department distributed Neemastra to all participants. Farmers actively engaged, raising queries that were addressed during the session. Smti. Padmawati commended the joint effort of the departments, noting its

relevance, and encouraged participants to adopt natural farming practices. She also requested more such training programs in other panchayats.

The initiative reflects the AH&VS Department's commitment to promoting sustainable animal husbandry and agricultural practices in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. By fostering collaboration and knowledge-sharing, the department aims to empower farmers and enhance rural livelihoods, aligning with the Administration's vision of sustainable development.

