

**Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services**  
**Conducts Azolla Cultivation Demonstration in Calicut**



The Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services (AH&VS), Andaman and Nicobar Administration, in collaboration with the Union Territory Agricultural Technology Management Agency (UT ATMA), conducted a one-day demonstration on Azolla cultivation on September 22, 2025, in the field of Shri Moosakutty, Calicut, South Andaman. The initiative aimed to promote Azolla as a cost-effective and nutritious animal feed supplement to enhance livestock productivity.

The event was inaugurated by Shri Yegambaram, Gram Pradhan, Gram Panchayat Calicut, with 15 farmers participating. Dr. Subramanian, resource person, demonstrated the advantages of Azolla cultivation, including pit laying, preparation, and growth techniques. Inputs such as shade nets, shovels, polythene sheets, and basins were provided to the farmers, along with Azolla seeds for cultivation. Shri Yegambaram urged participants to adopt Azolla cultivation to support sustainable livestock farming.

Dr. Siva Rani, Senior Veterinary Officer, Rangachang, addressed the farmers on the benefits of Azolla as a feed supplement, emphasizing its role in improving animal nutrition. Ms. Naziya and Ms. Nargis, Block Technology Managers, ATMA,

also attended, facilitating interactive sessions where farmers' queries were addressed, fostering knowledge exchange.

This demonstration underscores the AH&VS Department's commitment to promoting innovative agricultural practices in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The active participation of farmers reflects their enthusiasm for adopting sustainable feed solutions. The department, in collaboration with ATMA, plans to continue such initiatives to enhance livestock management and support rural livelihoods, aligning with the Andaman and Nicobar Administration's vision of fostering sustainable development and nutritional security.

