

## **CIARI Celebrated its 36th Foundation Day**

**23rd June 2014, Port Blair**

The Central Island Agricultural and Research Institute (CIARI), Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Islands celebrated its 36th Foundation Day on 23rd June, 2014 at Garacharma Research complex.



Prof. K.V. Devaraj, Former Vice-chancellor, U.A.S, Bengaluru was the Chief Guest. While delivering the Foundation Day Lecture on 'Island agriculture and agro-biodiversity', Prof. Devaraj gave a detailed outline of the Highland and Island ecosystem. He said that horticulture plays a vital role in islands and crops such as Mangosteen, Durian, Dragon Fruit, Rambutan, Grape fruit, Pomelo and Longhorn have high export potential. He stressed upon the improvement of the precious indigenous germplasm of Andaman and Nicobar Islands such as Nicobari fowl, Nicobari pig, Andaman local and Teresa goats. Maximizing fodder availability to improve the milk production, development of least cost feeding strategies to augment production of livestock and poultry, disease control strategies and post harvest processing of livestock and poultry produce are other area of importance.

Prof. Devaraj released publications of the Institute and felicitated the scientists, staff and division of the Institute for their commendable contribution.

Dr. S. Dam Roy, Director, CIARI presided over the function. In his address, he said the Institute has so far made significant contributions towards the development of islands. He also briefed on the future vision of the Institute.

Shri D. Moitra, Chief Administrative Officer proposed vote of thanks.

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