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Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare visits KVK-Lakshadweep of ICAR-CMFRI

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Sushri. Shobha Karandlaje, Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, visited KVK-Lakshadweep of the ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute at Kavaratti today. The Minister visited the KVK premises and glanced the technological innovations exhibition. The exhibits comprised of the innovations/technologies of ICAR institutions/Universities that are suitable for the special agro-ecology of the islands and which are being tested/demonstrated by the KVK. Seaweed farming activities of the ICAR-CMFRI in the islands was also highlighted.



Sushri. Karandlaje appreciated the efforts of the KVK and stressed on the need to identify more such technologies that would benefit coconut farmers, poultry growers and fishermen of Lakshadweep and help them overcome the farming, secondary production and marketing constraints. She also interacted with the farmer / entrepreneur beneficiaries of the KVK.



A interaction meet with the farmers and KVK beneficiaries was held at Muttiar Beach, Kavaratti.

During the inaugural speech the Minister stressed on the importance of forming more Farmer Producers Organisation (FPO) in promoting the value added products in coconut and fish. She also stressed to utilize the schemes by Central government in agriculture and allied areas.



The lead farmer beneficiaries of the KVK were also honoured in the function.

The KVK times complied by KVK-Lakshadweep was also released by the Minister. The interaction meet was attended by Shri. Amit Satija, Secretary (Finance), Shri. Shashank Mani Tripathi, Secretary (Agriculture), Shri. Rakesh Kumar, Director (Agriculture) and other officials of the UT administration of Lakshadweep.

Dr. V. Venkatasubramanian, Director, ICAR-ATARI briefed about the activities of the KVK in the islands and stressed for the convergence in development activities. The visit of the Minister, exhibition and the farmers meet was coordinated by Dr. P. N. Ananth, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK-Lakshadweep. (Source: ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Kochi)