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## Director's Message

PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi is a central government scheme that provides financial support to small and marginal farmers across India. Under this scheme, eligible farmer families receive ₹6,000 per year, transferred directly into their bank accounts through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). The amount is given in three equal installments of ₹2,000, helping farmers meet agricultural and household needs and improving their financial stability. Hon'ble Prime Minister announced that ₹21,000 crore had been transferred to the bank accounts of 10 crore farmer brothers and sisters across the country under the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme as a 20th instalment and KVKs of Kerala, Karnataka and Lakshadweep have organized live webcasting of this programme by inviting 12855 farmers.

Swachh Bharat Mission is a nationwide cleanliness campaign launched by the Government of India on 2 October 2014 to eliminate open defecation, improve solid waste management, and promote cleanliness across rural and urban areas. The mission aims to build household and community toilets, ensure scientific waste disposal, create awareness about hygiene, and improve sanitation facilities to make India cleaner and healthier. As a part of it, the annual Swachhata Hi Sewa (SHS) fortnight was organized as a part of Swachh Bharat Mission-Grameen and Urban during 15 September - 02 October 2025 with a theme of 'Swachhhtotsav' with focus on visible cleanliness. KVKs of Kerala, Karnataka and Lakshadweep have conducted Swachhata Hi Sewa activities with participation of 15385 participants.

Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan is a nationwide agricultural outreach campaign launched by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare and ICAR. During the campaign, different teams provided practical, localized advice on scientific farming, modern agri-technologies, soil health, agronomic practices, allied enterprises (like poultry, fisheries, livestock), and various government schemes. Another key objective was to document farmers' grassroots innovations and collect their feedback to help shape future agricultural research and policy. During first phase of 29 May to 12 June 2025, covering 48 KVK's across Karnataka and Kerala and Union Territory of Lakshadweep, a total of 4,237 programmes were conducted in which Karnataka witnessed participation of 642,899 farmers, Kerala of 235,431 farmers and Lakshadweep connected 9,708 men and 3,681 women.

(V. Venkatasubramanian)

## PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Programme



Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone and inaugurated development works worth around Rs. 2,200 crore in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh on August 2, 2025. Addressing the gathering, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi expressed satisfaction of connecting with the farmers from across the country through video conference during the auspicious month of Sawan.

The Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Yogi Adityanath was present among other dignitaries at the event. Union Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan along with Governors, Chief Ministers, Union and State ministers and other dignitaries joined the event via video conferencing. A total of 12855 participants viewed live telecast programme at their respective KVKs of Kerala, Karnataka and Lakshadweep. Speaking in the grand celebration of the farmer festival at Varanasi, Hon'ble Prime Minister announced that ₹21,000 crore had been transferred to the bank accounts of 10 crore farmer brothers and sisters across the country under the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme. He further informed that development projects worth over ₹2,000 crore had been inaugurated.

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Affirming that the government is consistently working towards the prosperity of farmers, Hon'ble Shri Modi contrasted this with previous governments, stating that even a single announcement made in the name of farmers was rarely fulfilled. He emphasized that their government delivers on its promises, citing the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi as a testament to the government's firm commitment.

Recalling that when the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi was launched in 2019, Hon'ble Shri Modi said that some major opposition parties were spreading various rumors, while some claimed that the payments would stop after elections and few others suggested that the money being transferred would be taken back. He remarked that this reflects the true nature of the opposition, which only misleads farmers and the people of the country. Enquiring whether even a single installment had ever been stopped, Hon'ble Prime Minister asserted that the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi has continued without interruption. Till date, he mentioned that ₹3.75 lakh crore had been transferred directly into farmers' accounts. In Uttar Pradesh alone, around 2.5 crore farmers had benefited, receiving over ₹90,000 crore under the scheme. Farmers of Varanasi alone have received nearly ₹900 crore, Hon'ble Shri Modi added. He highlighted that the most significant aspect of the scheme is that the funds have reached farmers without any deductions or commissions. He stated that this is a permanent arrangement established by his government—there will be no leakage, and the rights of the poor will not be denied.

Reiterating the development mantra, “the more backward a region, the higher the priority it receives”, Hon'ble Shri Modi

reiterated this earlier. The Central Government approved a major new initiative—the Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana. He informed that ₹24,000 crore will be allocated for this scheme. The Prime Minister emphasized that the focus of this initiative will be on districts that were left behind due to flawed policies of previous governments—areas with low agricultural output and where farmers' income remain low. He stated that the Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana will directly benefit millions of farmers in Uttar Pradesh as well.

“Our government is working with full strength to transform the lives of farmers, increase their income, and reduce the cost of cultivation, We stand firmly with farmers from seed to market”, emphasized the Prime Minister, highlighting that to ensure water reaches the fields, irrigation schemes worth lakhs of crores of rupees are being implemented across the country.

Hon'ble Shri Modi acknowledged that weather has always posed a major challenge for farmers—be it excessive rainfall, hailstorms, or frost. To protect farmers from such uncertainties, the government launched the PM Fasal Bima Yojana. He informed that under this scheme, farmers have received claim settlements amounting to over ₹1.75 lakh crore so far. Affirming that the government is committed to ensuring farmers receive fair prices for their produce, the Prime Minister stated that record increases have been made in the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of crops, including key staples like rice and wheat.



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Emphasizing the government's focus on increasing women's participation in the agricultural economy, Hon'ble Shri Modi highlighted the "Lakhpati Didi" campaign, with a target of creating three crore Lakhpati Didis across India. He noted that over 1.5 crore women have already achieved this milestone. He also mentioned that the government's "Drone Didi" initiative has significantly boosted the income of lakhs of women.

The Prime Minister stated that the government is actively working to bring modern agricultural research directly to the fields. He mentioned that a specially designed Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan was conducted during May and June 2025, under the guiding principle of "Lab to Land," through which direct engagement was made with over 1.25 crore farmers. He emphasized that the benefits of Central Government schemes must continue reaching all citizens seamlessly.

Sharing an important update with the public, Shri Modi said, "Under the Jan Dhan Yojana, 55 crore bank accounts have been opened for the poor across the country". He informed that the scheme recently completed ten years and as per regulations, bank accounts require fresh KYC verification after ten years. He added that to fulfill this requirement, a nationwide campaign has been launched from 1st July 2025. The Prime Minister said that banks were reaching every gram panchayat, and camps have already been set up in nearly one lakh gram panchayats, while lakhs of people have successfully completed their KYC renewal. The Prime Minister urged every individual who holds a Jan Dhan account to ensure they complete their KYC process

Hon'ble Shri Modi stated that these camps are facilitating registrations for several key schemes, including the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, and Atal Pension Yojana. He emphasized that these schemes offer significant support to citizens and urged everyone to visit these camps. He encouraged those who have not yet enrolled in these schemes to register and also complete the KYC process for their Jan Dhan accounts. The Prime Minister called upon all public representatives of their party to actively raise awareness about this campaign, assist banks in their outreach efforts, and ensure maximum participation from the public.

Underscoring that citizens also have certain responsibilities, the Prime Minister urged everyone to take a pledge for Swadeshi. He defined Swadeshi as anything made with the sweat and effort of an Indian, calling upon the nation to adopt the mantra of "Vocal for Local." The Prime Minister urged citizens to pledge to promote "Make in India" products. He stated that every new item entering our homes must be Swadeshi, and this responsibility must be embraced by every Indian. Hon'ble Shri Modi appealed to every trader and shopkeeper to take a vow to sell only Swadeshi products, affirming that this would be true service to the nation. He urged the people to use Swadeshi products in the upcoming festival season and added that this would be a true tribute to Mahatma Gandhi. The Prime Minister concluded by emphasizing that the dream of a developed India will be fulfilled only through collective effort.

## Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture visits Farm of Progressive Farmer of Mysuru



The Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, visited the field of progressive farmer Sri Lakshmaiyya Sriramu in Varuna, Mysuru, who has been cultivating crops under the technical guidance of ICAR JSS Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Mysuru. The Hon'ble Member of Parliament from Mysuru, Shri Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, also accompanied him. The event was organised by ICAR JSS KVK, Suttur, Mysuru, under the guidance of Dr. M. J. Chandregowda, Principal Scientist, ICAR-ATARI, Bengaluru. Mysuru District Commissioner, officials from agriculture and allied departments, and more than 50 farmers participated in the programme.

The progressive farmer is being cultivating more than 15 horticultural crops, including ginger, papaya, banana, sapota, coconut, and mango, on four acres as intercrops. He practices organic farming techniques and adopts multiple/multilayer cropping systems, agroforestry, and integrated nutrient management technologies, including the use of bio fertilizers under the guidance of ICAR JSS KVK. The Hon'ble Minister interacted with progressive farmer and appreciated the intercropping of ginger with coconut. He enquired about the recent incidence of leaf spot disease in ginger crop and its management practices. The farmer explained that timely interventions and guidance from KVK scientists, including the application of appropriate chemical sprays, had helped in reducing the disease and restoring crop health.



The Hon'ble Minister also noticed the plantation of Nanjangud Rasabale, a banana variety with Geographical Indication (GI) status and recognised as the One District One Product (ODOP) crop of Mysuru district. Shri Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar highlighted its unique features, including lower sugar content, making it suitable for people with diabetes.

The Hon'ble Minister discussed the challenges faced by farmers in cultivating Nanjangud Rasabale and enquired about departmental subsidies. Dr. Gnanesh B. N., Senior Scientist and Head, along with other KVK scientists, briefed him about the severe impact of Panama wilt disease on banana crops and the subsidy support of Rs. 55,000 per hectare provided to farmers in Nanjangud Taluk. The Minister suggested that farmers seek technical guidance from ICAR scientists to effectively manage Panama wilt disease.

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## Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture visits Farm of Progressive Farmer of Mysuru (continued from page 4)



Later, the Hon'ble Minister visited the papaya plot, where he appreciated the farmer for achieving good yields. He enquired about the interventions of KVK scientists and the support extended to farmers in improving crop production. The discussion emphasized the collaborative efforts undertaken to optimize papaya cultivation.

The Hon'ble Minister recommended the adoption of diversified, multilayered cropping systems and optimal use of available land resources. Addressing the farmers, he remarked that such approaches serve as a model for sustainable intensification, enhancing income, improving resilience, and preserving local crop heritage.

**The Honourable Member of Parliament from Mysuru, Shri Yaduveer Wadiyar, felicitated the Honourable Union Minister of Agriculture, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, and expressed his gratitude.**



# Kerala Agricultural University Technology Day



The District Level programme of KAU Agricultural Technology Day was celebrated on 26th August at the Agronomic Research Station (ARS), Chalakudy, as part of the Block Level Agricultural Knowledge Centre (BLAKC) initiative, a joint venture of the Kerala Agricultural University (KAU), KVK and the Department of Agriculture. The programme brought together policymakers, scientists, farmers, and local leaders to showcase the importance of agricultural technologies in promoting sustainable farming and rural development.

Dr. Mary Regina F. (Programme Coordinator, KVK Thrissur) welcomed the gathering. The function was presided over by Shri. Shibu Valappan, Chairman, Chalakudy Municipality, and was formally inaugurated by Hon. Shri. Saneesh Kumar Joseph, MLA, Chalakudy Constituency. A key highlight of the event was the launch of the Technology Portal by Dr. V. Venkitasubramanian, Director, ICAR-ATARI, which is expected to strengthen digital access to agricultural knowledge and technological innovations for farmers. During the occasion, innovative farmers practicing KAU technologies from the district were honoured in recognition of their contributions to advancing farming practices. Livelihood support materials were distributed to Scheduled Tribe beneficiaries of Pillappara Malayan Unnathi, reflecting the inclusive approach of the programme.



In the technical sessions, Dr. Anith K. N, Director of Research, KAU, introduced modern agricultural technologies that can transform farming efficiency, while Dr. Binu P. Boni, Director of Extension, KAU, highlighted the university's technological interventions that have already benefitted farming communities across Kerala.

A vibrant Farmer-Scientist Interface was organized, providing farmers a platform to directly interact with experts. Eminent scientists including Dr. Vimi Louis (Professor and Head, Banana Research Station), Dr. Jalaja S. Menon (Professor and Head, Cashew Research Station), Dr. Smitha K. P. (SMS, Agricultural extension, KVK Thrissur), and Dr. Ambili John (SMS, Animal Science, KVK Thrissur) actively interacted with the participants. The discussions covered emerging challenges in agriculture, crop management, livestock production, and the adoption of sustainable practices.

The programme concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Mini Abraham, Head of Station, ARS Chalakudy, who acknowledged the contributions of all dignitaries, participants, and farmers. The celebration of Agricultural Technology Day at Chalakudy was thus a meaningful step in reinforcing the role of technology, innovation, and collaboration in strengthening Kerala's agricultural sector.



# Research Advisory Committee (RAC) for ICAR ATARIs



The fourth meeting of the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) for ICAR Agricultural Technology Application Research Institutes (ATARI) was held under the Chairmanship of Dr. P. Das, Former DDG (Agricultural Extension), ICAR on 18-19 September 2025. The ICAR ATARI, Bengaluru hosted the meeting in KAB-I, Agricultural Extension Division, ICAR, New Delhi.

Members Dr. R. Parshad, Former ADG (Agrl. Extn), ICAR, New Delhi, Dr. P. K. Joshi, Former Director, IFPRI South Asia, New Delhi, Dr. Anupam Mishra, Vice Chancellor, CAU, Imphal and Dr. Ranjay K. Singh, ADG (Agrl. Extn), ICAR, New Delhi participated. Dr. Chandre Gowda M.J., Member Secretary, RAC, coordinated the meeting. Directors and scientists from all the 11 ATARIs joined the meeting.

Dr. Chandre Gowda M.J., Member Secretary RAC, welcomed the Chairman and Members of the Committee, DDG (AE), ADGs, Directors of ATARIs, Principal Scientists in the Agricultural Extension Division and ATARIs, and other participants. He elaborated the background and provided a recap of the previous meetings since the beginning, and the last meeting held during 19-20 November 2024, in particular. An overview of the programme for the two-days was explained and requested everyone for their support and active participation. Dr. R. Parshad, Former ADG (AE), ICAR, New Delhi suggested the scientists to use the scientific terms like attitude, perception, adoption, etc. with due care in research project proposals and concept notes. The data generated in the projects must be of a desirable level of measurement so that the statistical analysis could be appropriately undertaken and scientifically accepted inferences are drawn. Dr. P.K. Joshi, Former Director, IFPRI South Asia, New Delhi, observed that the Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan organized by the

ICAR during Kharif 2025 has the potential to provide new insights into researchable issues on the farmers' problems. He mentioned that technologies and policies alone cannot solve the problems, but new kinds of institutional arrangements needed to address farmers problems. Thus, ATARIs need to serve as the leader of such institutional arrangements. He suggested that scientists need to improve their writing skills while publishing the research findings.

Dr. V.P. Chahal, the invited resource person, recalled that the ITKs documented by the ICAR Agricultural Extension Division in several volumes may be referred to by the ATARIs to come up with researchable issues on that theme. He called for a national consultation on agricultural extension research to strengthen the research agenda of ATARIs. Dr. P. Das, Chairman RAC, reiterated that technology application (not transfer of technology) is the key focus area for ATARIs and methodological contributions are quite important. The system approach such as integrated crop-resource management (ICRM) need to be promoted through the KVKs instead of component based FLDs. Although the RAC efforts for the past six years have improved the research capabilities and outputs significantly, yet a lot more needs to be achieved. Dr. R. K. Singh, Member RAC, thanked the RAC for the overwhelming mentorship in formulating and executing the network research projects, which could be seen in the significant outputs generated in most of the research projects. He specifically requested the Principal Investigators to prefer unit level data and to ensure that the data are captured digitally on a real-time basis. Total 11 network projects were presented and suggested during meeting.

# Annual Swachhata Hi Sewa (SHS) Fortnight

The annual Swachhata Hi Sewa (SHS) fortnight was organized as a part of Swachh Bharat Mission-Grameen and Urban during 15 September - 02 October 2025. The theme of SHS-2025 was 'Swachh Hotsav' with focus on visible cleanliness. Spirit of cleanliness activities was voluntarism/shramdaan. The focus of these swachhata drives was on high footfall public places like bus stands, railway stations, beaches, tourist places, zoos, national parks & sanctuaries, historical monuments, heritage sites, river fronts, ghats, drains and nallahs etc. in both rural & urban areas. A total of 15385 participants participated in Swachhata Hi Sewa activities at their respective 48 KVKs of Kerala, Karnataka and Lakshadweep.



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## Peppering Up Homesteads: KVK Kozhikode's Bush Pepper Initiative

Black pepper, the “King of spices” is a major spice crop cultivated in Kozhikode district. Traditionally cultivated as an intercrop in coconut and arecanut plantations or as a pure crop on various tree standards, its cultivation has been a mainstay for local farmers. Recognizing the space constraints faced by urban and semi-urban dwellers, KVK, IISR, Kozhikode has spearheaded a transformative initiative: promoting bush pepper cultivation. By cultivating pepper in pots without the need for support trees, this innovative approach empowers individuals to harness the potential of this valuable spice even in limited spaces. Through comprehensive training and practical demonstrations, KVK has been at the forefront of fostering black pepper production during the last several years..



To boost awareness and adoption of bush pepper cultivation in Kozhikode and its neighboring districts, KVK organized 32 comprehensive training programs between 2015 and 2025, reaching 1077 farmers. These programs were conducted both on and off-campus to maximize accessibility. Recognizing the burgeoning demand, KVK also ventured into the production and sale of bush pepper plants. A remarkable 36,982 plants were distributed to 8745 farmers, primarily for home gardens. Furthermore, KVK actively promoted potted bush pepper cultivation across various panchayats in the region by providing plants through Krishi Bhavan .



The impact of KVK’s training programs is evident in the establishment of approximately 30 nurseries by former trainees. These nurseries generate substantial income, ranging from Rs. 10,000 to a remarkable Rs. 15 lakhs annually. Bush pepper cultivation has flourished in several panchayats across Kozhikode and Malappuram districts, including Velam, Unnikulam, Changaroth, Kayakkodi, Kakkodi, Muthuvalloor, Ponnani, Nediyruppu, Cherukavu, Kondotty etc.. A significant advantage of this method is its early yield; plants begin producing within six months of cultivation. Mature eight to ten-year-old potted plants can yield an impressive 4 to 4.5 kg of green pepper per year. Bush pepper cultivation emerges as a compelling solution for black pepper production, especially in areas with limited land resources. The technology’s rapid proliferation in Kozhikode and surrounding areas is a testament to its success. KVK continues to play a vital role in supporting this initiative through training, demonstrations, and plant production ..



# Turning waste to wealth under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan: KVK Ernakulam promotes banana farm waste composting



As part of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, ICAR-KVK, Ernakulam has initiated a sustainable programme to convert banana farm waste into organic manure, promoting clean farming practices and improving soil health. A field trial was conducted from 2nd to 8th September 2025 at a farmer's field to demonstrate this eco-friendly and cost-effective approach of on-farm waste management. The trial focused on the effective utilization of shredded banana pseudo stems and leaves, which were treated with three different microbial consortia—Eksel Decomposer developed by the Indian Institute of Soil Science (IISS), Bhopal; Bio mineralizer from the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU); and Inoculum developed by the Kerala Agricultural University (KAU). These materials were composted in separate bags to evaluate the efficiency of each microbial formulation in converting the residues into nutrient-rich compost.



The objective was not only to manage banana farm waste but also to produce high-quality organic manure that can be branded and marketed, providing an added source of income to farmers. The KVK also demonstrated the use of a tractor-operated shredder to mechanize the shredding process, making it easier to incorporate the shredded residues back into the field for in situ microbial composting.

It is expected that within 60 to 75 days, the treated banana waste will be fully decomposed into stable compost with enhanced nutrient content, suitable for direct application in agricultural fields. This approach offers a practical solution to the problem of on-farm residue disposal while simultaneously supporting circular agriculture by enriching the soil's organic carbon and reducing the dependence on chemical fertilizers. KVK Ernakulam aims to popularize this eco-friendly, low-cost technology among banana growers across the region, integrating waste management with improved soil fertility. This initiative supports the broader goals of sustainable agriculture, soil rejuvenation, and clean farm practices under the national framework of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

# Nettukaltheri Open Prison: A Model for Agri-Based Rehabilitation



Nettukaltheri Open Prison, located in a hilly area with lush green surroundings, lies about 35 km from Thiruvananthapuram city, close to the famous Neyyar Wildlife Sanctuary. The prison spans 274 acres of land within a single campus. This vast expanse, which has no boundary walls, no lock-ups, and no armed police, is home to 387 inmates who live and work here. The jail campus is well maintained, featuring a rubber plantation, honey bee farm, vegetable garden, dairy farm with numerous cows, a goat farm, and a poultry farm.

Recently, Nettukaltheri Open Prison was honoured with the State Award for Best Agriculture Farm in Kerala. The KVK has been extending technical support to the prison farm over the past few years and has played a pivotal role in transforming the facility into an award-winning agricultural model. The transformation is rooted in a series of strategic interventions by KVK, including trainings on mushroom cultivation and Integrated Crop Management in vegetables, Frontline Demonstrations on Integrated Nutrient Management in banana incorporating the Ayar nutrient mixture, management of fusarium wilt in yard-long bean, and the wilt-tolerant chilli hybrid, Arka Kyati.



KVK also extended technical support for the establishment of a high-tech mushroom cultivation unit in the prison and made available the services of a master trainer to handhold the prison authorities during the initial phase. As a result, the prison now produces an average of 10 kg of mushrooms per day. Since the prison farm has a vast area under rubber plantations, KVK extended technical support for apiculture in the premises of open prison and 250 bee hives are made available to the prison through Kerala Khadi Board. Beehives are kept on platforms between the rubber trees. Last year, they were able to harvest about 800 kg honey from the apiary unit in open prison. With KVK's continued mentorship, Nettukaltheri Open Prison is poised to become a national model for agri-based rehabilitation.

# Baseline Survey of Seaweed Diversity at Agatti Islands of Lakshadweep



Recognizing the ecological and economic potential of seaweeds in the Lakshadweep archipelago, KVK-Lakshadweep, under ICAR-CMFRI, conducted a comprehensive baseline survey-third round to document the diversity and distribution of seaweed assemblages along Agatti Island's coastline. The survey revealed a rich diversity of genera including *Ulva*, *Halimeda*, *Chaetomorpha*, *Caulerpa*, *Sargassum*, and *Acanthophora*. These findings highlight the critical role of seaweeds in coral reef ecosystems, contributing to reef health and marine biodiversity, while addressing the existing knowledge gap in Lakshadweep's seaweed flora. It could be inferred from the survey that there were no typical species found from the island and all were common as found in the other islands. The data collected will form the basis of a comprehensive repository on seaweed resources in Lakshadweep, guiding future research, conservation efforts, and community-driven development initiatives focused on sustainable seaweed based livelihoods. This repository will enable KVK to provide targeted Extension Advisory Services, ensuring that seaweed culture development aligns with environmental feasibility and socio-economic conditions. Through this initiative, KVK-Lakshadweep underscores its commitment to preserving the region's unique coral reef ecosystems while promoting sustainable livelihoods for island communities. The baseline survey was led by Mr. Sagar Vitthal Shinde, Subject Matter Specialist (Aquaculture).



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