

Eastern Regional Station, ICAR- IVRI, Kolkata, organized distribution of piglets & pig feed to farmers, Kisan Gosthi-cum-Awareness and Animal Health Camp at KVK, Ri-Bhoi, Meghalaya, under NEH Programme

Eastern Regional Station (ERS) of ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI),



Kolkata organized distribution of piglets & pig feed to farmers, Kisan Gosthi-cum-Awareness and Animal Health Programme at KVK, Ri-Bhoi, Meghalaya in collaboration with KVK Ri-Bhoi and ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam, Meghalaya under ICAR-IVRI NEH Programme on 28th



February, 2019. A team of scientists from ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata comprising of Dr UK Bandyopadhaya, Dr SC Das, Dr GK Das and Dr Samiran Bandyopadhyay participated in the programme.



The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Narendra Prakash, Director, ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region in presence of other dignitaries, beneficiaries, scientists and staffs of ICAR- RC, NEH and KVK Ri-Bhoi. At the outset, Dr M.

Mokidul Islam, Sr. Scientist & Head, KVK Ri-Bhoi welcomed the guests and lauded the efforts of ICAR-IVRI, ERS, Kolkata for selecting KVK-Ri-Bhoi for organising such a programme under NEH Programme. Dr Arnab Sen, Head and Dr R Laha,



Principal Scientist of Animal Health Division, ICAR RC NEH appreciated the efforts of ICAR-IVRI and urged the farmers to improve their livelihood through piggery. Dr UK Bandyopadhyay, Principal Scientist, ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata

briefed the gathering about objectives of the programme and emphasised on vaccination programme to protect animals from major killer diseases. Dr. N. Prakash, Director, ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region highly appreciated the efforts of ICAR-IVRI, ERS, Kolkata to



implement the NEH Programme at Ri-Bhoi district in collaboration with the institute and



KVK. Dr Prakash advised the farmers to adopt scientific management practices of rearing of animals as a tool for doubling their income as well as to uplift their socio-economic status.

The inaugural programme was followed by organisation of a Kisan Gosthi-cum-Awareness Programme in which Dr SC Das, Principal Scientist, ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata appraised the beneficiaries on the communicable diseases associated with



pig husbandry, while Dr G. K. Das, Principal Scientist briefed the farmers on various reproductive disorders and their remedial intervention in pigs. Dr. Samiran Bandyopadhyay, Senior Scientist deliberated on important pig diseases including, swine fever, piglet anaemia and piglet diarrhoea as well as their remedial

and prophylactic measures. Dr Lofty Tyngkan, Veterinary Officer, Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Department, Govt. of Meghalaya addressed the gathering about the problems and prospects of pig husbandry in Meghalaya. The problems raised by the farmers in connection with health, feeding, housing and management aspects of



livestock were also duly addressed.



distribution to the farmers.

The Kisan Gosthi was followed by distribution of 3-month old piglets (n=150), along with pig feed (1250 Kg), mineral mixture supplements, anthelmintics etc. to the beneficiaries (n=50) of Rhi-Bhoi district of Meghalaya. The piglets were vaccinated against swine fever before

The beneficiaries thanked ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata for taking initiatives and implementing this programme in their locality. An overwhelming response of the participants with active cooperation of KVK-Ri-Bhoi, ICAR- RC, NEH and support from the Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department, Govt. of Meghalaya made the programme a grand success.