

Animal Health cum Awareness camp in cyclone affected areas in Odisha

A team of scientists from Eastern Regional Station of ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Kolkata surveyed the cyclone affected villages in Puri district of Odisha on 6th June, 2019. In collaboration with Animal Disease Research Institute (ADRI) of the Government of Odisha, the IVRI scientists organizing Animal Health-cum-Awareness camp at Bagholpur village of Satyabadi block in Puri district on 6th June. The animals owned by the affected households were examined, treated and medicines were provided; besides distribution of mineral mixture for the livestock to the farmers. The IVRI team assessed the situation by asking the farmers about their problems and expectations, to develop an action plan to be implemented in coming months to reduce the impact of cyclone on livestock farmers. The farmers were appraised about steps to be taken including do's & don'ts to restore animal health as early as possible. The IVRI team led by Dr Mahsh Chander, Joint Director (Extension Education) also presented ELISA kits for diagnosis & surveillance of PPR to the ADRI officials on behalf of IVRI. The ELISA kits included, PPR Antigen detection (Sandwich ELISA) kit to test 200 samples and Antibody detection (Competitive ELISA) kit to test 2000 samples of goats & sheep. The visiting team also collected samples for lab diagnosis and future course of action and advisories to the farmers. The team of scientists included Dr S C Das, Dr D Mondal, Dr U K Bandhyopadhyay & Dr G K Das from IVRI and Drs Loknath Behera, Joint Director, ADRI, Dr Subhasish Mishra, VAS, ADRI, Dr Biswaranjan Behera, VO, Satyabadi from Animal Husbandry department, Government



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of Odisha. It was a collective action on collaboration and partnership mode towards minimizing the suffering caused by cyclone to the livestock farmers of the state.

