

Eastern Regional Station of ICAR- IVRI, Kolkata, Organized Animal Health Camp, Kisan Gosthi-cum-Awareness Programme, and distributed piglets under IVRI NEH Programme at Bilasipara, KVK Dhubri, AAU, Assam

Eastern Regional Station (ERS) of ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Kolkata organized Kisan Gosthi-cum-Awareness Programme, Animal health camp and distributed piglets to the selected beneficiaries under IVRI-NEH Programme in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK)-Dhubri, AAU, Assam from 8 to 10 January 2019. A team of scientists - Dr. D Mondal, Dr. A K Das and Dr. T K Biswas from ERS-IVRI, Kolkata participated in these activities.



The Animal Health Camp was organized at Futkibari village, Bilasipara, Dhubri, Assam. Thirty seven farmers family along with their domestic animals registered themselves in the camp. The farmers of that village rear cattle, buffalo, goat, pig, duck and poultry. The scientists team from ERS- IVRI along with a young team under the leadership of Dr. Rafikul Islam, SMS, Animal science, KVK Dhubri personally examined the animals, interacted with the farmers and treated the sick animals on the spot. The scientist talked on various animal diseases, need of vaccination, proper nutrition, breeding and various other aspects of profitable animal husbandry. Medicines, mineral mixtures and leaflets on various animal diseases, integrated farming, vaccine schedules etc. were distributed in the vernacular language among the farmers.



After the inaugural programme a Kisan Gosthi was organized where scientists from ERS-IVRI, Kolkata, Dr. D Mondal, Dr. A K Das and Dr. T K Biswas conversed with the beneficiaries and talked on scientific pig rearing including health care, vaccination, nutrition, breeding, exchange of buck to reduce inbreeding, culling the inferior animals, zoonoses, value addition, marketing and management.





The problems the farmers usually face and their queries on various aspects of animal husbandry were duly addressed.

In the piglet distribution programmes several dignitaries were present- Mr. Mohan Kumar Jha, IAS, SDO (Civil), Bilasipara, Dr. Ranjit Kumar Sarma, Associate Dean, Sarat Chandra Singha College of Agriculture, Dhubri, Dr. Mustafizur Rahman, Asst Professor, Sarat Chandra Singha College of Agriculture, Dhubri, Dr. Dinesh Chandra Gogoi, Dist Veterinary Officer, Dhubri. At



the outset the SDO, Mr. Mohan Kumar Jha applauded ERS-IVRI for selecting the place for such a welfare programme. Dr. Ranjit Kumar Sarma welcomed the beneficiaries farmers and thanked

IVRI as well as the KVK Dhubri for organizing such kind of programme. He emphasised the scientific way of pig rearing where nutrition and health care should be given utmost importance. Dr. D Mondal, Principal Scientist, ERS-IVRI, briefed the gathering about the



objective of this NEH programme, role and activities of ERS, IVRI in the North East states. Dr. Dinesh Chandra Gogoi encouraged the farmers to take up piggery to a further level such as smart and aggressive marketing, value addition, and

timely vaccination. Dr. Mustafizur Rahman discussed about health care aspect of pig. One hundred and fifty piglets (Hampshire and Local crossbred) of age between 2-3 months were distributed among 50 selected farmers with a female

to male at the ratio of 2:1. The farmers were also provided with pig feed (50 Kg/farmers).