

Eastern Regional Station, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata organized Farmers' Training-cum-Awareness Programme under ICAR funded project "Outreach Programme on Zoonotic Diseases" on 13.03.2020

A farmers' training-cum-awareness programme was organized at Arapanch, South 24 Parganas District, West Bengal under the ICAR funded project on "Outreach Programme on Zoonotic Diseases" (SCSP Component) in collaboration with Sasya Shyamala Krishi Vigyan Kendra (SSKVK), Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (RKMVERI) on 13th March, 2020.



The programme was attended by 100 farmers from scheduled caste community and they were kept abreast off emerging zoonotic diseases and scientific animal husbandry practices through the distribution of technical know-how in the form of leaflets and scientist-farmer interaction.



Apart from scientists of ICAR-IVRI, ERS, Kolkata – Dr Suresh Chandra Das, Principal Scientist, Dr P. Dandapat, Principal Scientist and Dr Samiran Bandyopadhyaya, Senior Scientist; Dr N.C. Sahu, Senior Scientist and Head

and Dr Sarvaswarup Ghosh, Subject Matter Specialist from SSKVK were also present in the programme. Dr N.C. Sahu welcomed the audience and briefed about the importance of zoonotic diseases in the current context.

During scientist-farmer interaction, Dr S.C. Das, Principal Scientist deliberated on common zoonotic diseases and their prevention while Dr P. Dandapat gave an overview on bovine /zoonotic tuberculosis



and its impact on public health. Dr Samiran Bandyopadhyay told the audience about the nuisance of antimicrobial resistance and how the farmers can protect themselves and their animals from this emerging problem. Dr Sarvaswarup Ghosh, SMS, KVK gave an overview on the existing problems of animal husbandry in South 24 Parganas district and



suggested remedial measures thereof. A quiz competition was organized to evaluate and strengthen the knowledge of the farmers on

public health issues and various zoonotic diseases. Further, the queries raised by different farmers on various management and health issues of livestock were duly addressed by the scientists.