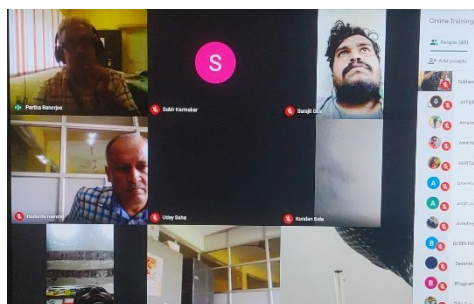


Eastern Regional Station, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata Organised Online Training on “Scientific Goat Farming”

A two-day online training programme on “**Scientific Goat Farming**” was organised by Eastern Regional Station, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata from 25-26 August, 2020. In total, forty-eight (48) participants, mostly unemployed youths, progressive farmers and entrepreneurs from West Bengal, Assam and Odisha registered and participated in the training. In view of the aftermaths of cyclone Amphan and recent havocs wreaked by Covid-19 pandemic, the entire programme was conducted in online mode using Google Meet digital platform.

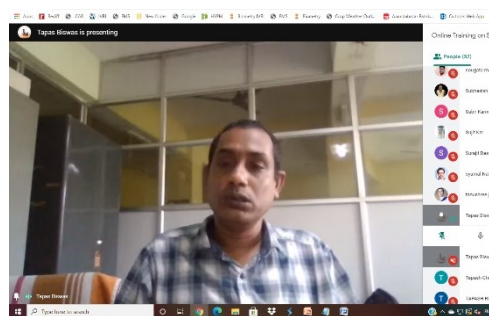
During the programme, emphasis was given on practical exposure of the participants on various aspects of goat farming. This was done through videography of various activities of goat reared at Kalyani campus of the regional station which was shared among the participants. Besides, the trainees were imparted theoretical knowledge covering management and health aspects on scientific methods of goat rearing.

At the outset, the programme started with welcome address by Dr P. S. Banerjee, Station In-charge, who briefed the participants about the objectives and importance of goat rearing in rural economy of India as a whole and eastern and north-eastern regions, in particular. Dr S. Naskar, Principal Scientist and In-charge, Kalyani farm elaborated on



“Housing and General Management Practices in Rearing of Goat”. During his deliberation, Dr Naskar covered low cost housing and routine goat farm management practices giving more emphasis on care and management of pregnant does and new born kids.

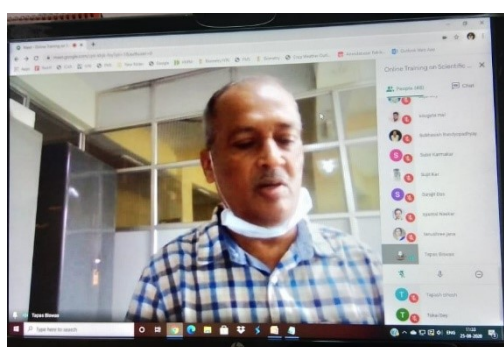
Speaking on the occasion, Dr Tapas Kumar Biswas, Senior Scientist discussed on "Breed types and Breeding of Goat" and advised the participants to breed goat through selection method for better productivity while Dr R. Bhar, Principal Scientist appraised the trainees on "Integrated feeds and feeding practices in Black Bengal Goat".



On addressing the participants, Dr U. K. Bandyopadhyay, Principal Scientist and Training In-charge discussed on "Importance of vaccination in goat farming" and stressed upon the need to follow vaccination schedule to prevent major killer diseases whereas Dr Subhasish Bandyopadhyay, Principal Scientist delivered a talk on "Control of Parasitic Diseases in Goat". Dr



Bandyopadhyay also appraised the trainees about the importance of deworming, diagnosis and control of gastrointestinal parasitic diseases in small ruminants. Dr Dayamoy Mondal, Principal Scientist briefed the



trainees on "Common Diseases of Goat and their Management under field conditions". He also explained the trainees at length about prevention and control methods of common but important bacterial and viral diseases

of goat. During the programme, a talk on "Project on goat farming and financial assistance from NABARD" was arranged which was delivered by Dr V. K. Nayak, Assistant Manager, NABARD to acquaint the participants the procedure and process involved while formulating a project for

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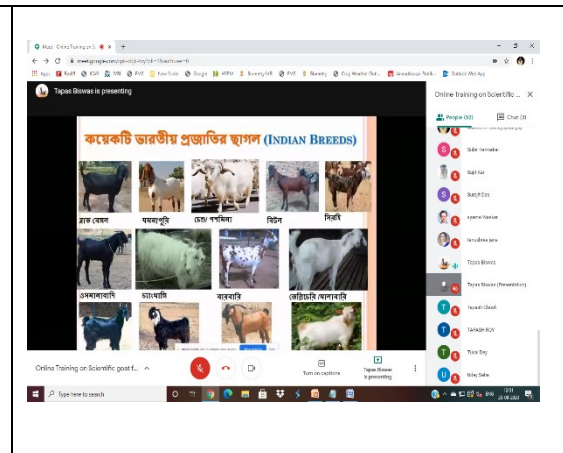
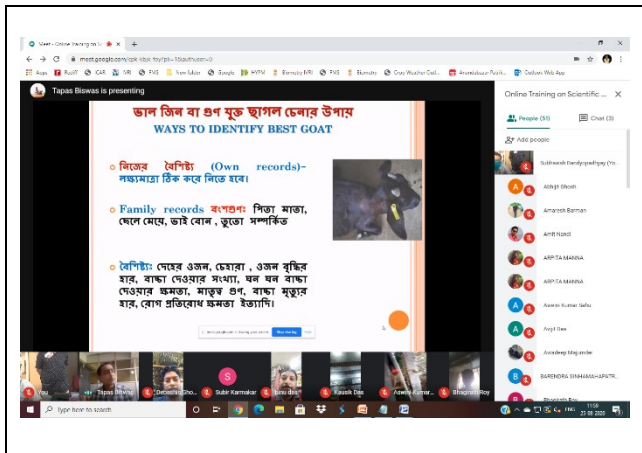
In between the programmes, trainees were given practical exposure through video presentation on handling, care and management of pregnant does, new born kids, vaccination procedure, hoof trimming and method of castration which was explained by Drs Subhasish Bandyopadhyay, S. Naskar and P. Dandapat in a detailed



Temperature & pulse measurement

way. The procedure of recording of data and identification of animals by tagging methods were also demonstrated to the trainees as well.

On completion, evaluation of the training programme was made through feedback form submitted by the trainees. This was followed by distribution of **E-Certificate and E-Training Manual** to all the participants. The participants appreciated the painstaking efforts of ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata for organising training at this crucial period and vowed to start scientific way of goat farming through their acquired knowledge to become self-reliant and self-dependant (**Atmanirbhar**) and improve their socio-economic conditions.



Glimpses of presentation given by scientists through virtual mode



Injection Procedure



ORF Treatment

Demonstration of practical procedures to trainees during online programme through videography of Kalyani farm activities