

## ICAR-IVRI, Eastern Regional Station, Kolkata Celebrated World Veterinary Day -2017 at Narayanpur village, Hooghly District on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2017

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Eastern Regional Station, Kolkata of ICAR-IVRI celebrated World Veterinary Day-2017 at Narayanpur village, Bahirkhand, Haripal block, Hooghly district, West Bengal in collaboration with Animal Resources Development Department (ARDD), Haripal block, Hooghly district, Govt. of West Bengal on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2017. The programme was organized based on the theme “**Antimicrobial Resistance - From Awareness to Action**” coined by World Veterinary Association (WVA) and the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE).



An animal health camp covering treatment of sick animals, vaccination (PPR in goat) & diagnostic-cum-therapeutic measures and deworming to livestock was carried out to mark the occasion, wherein seventy beneficiaries participated. Health coverage was also provided to animals such as cattle (472) and goat (160) for various ailments including gastro-intestinal disorders, ectoparasitic infestations, inappetance, debility, anaemia, infertility, repeat breeding, reduced productivity, skin disorders



etc. Besides, farmers were provided with mineral mixture supplements for their animals. Hand outs in local language were distributed among the farmers about various aspects such as vaccination schedules for cattle, chicken and duck; rabies, bird flu, schedule of anthelmintic drugs and Zoonotic diseases: their control and prevention. Leaflets on tuberculosis, brucellosis, PPR, and farming

systems of cattle, goat, duck etc. were also distributed on the occasion to create awareness among the farmers on various diseases and scientific animal husbandry practices. The problems raised by the farmers in connection with health, feeding, housing and management aspects of livestock and poultry were also addressed by the scientists.

In the awareness programme, Dr Subhasish Bandyopadhyay, Principal Scientist and Station In-charge, ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata elaborated on parasitic diseases, mode of deworming and stressed on the importance of judicious use of anthelmintic drugs so as to prevent anthelmintic resistance.

Addressing the gathering, Dr Premanshu Dandapat, Senior Scientist, ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata focussed on ill effects of emergence of antimicrobial resistance and suggested the farmers not to procure medicines/antibiotics over the counter (OTC) and follow proper dose, duration and withdrawal period as prescribed by the veterinary doctors. Dr Dandapat also highlighted on multi-drug resistance tuberculosis (MDR-TB) which is a matter of serious concern.



The farmers of the village were found to be highly motivated by organization of such a programme on **World Veterinary Day-2017**.