

Eastern Regional Station of ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata organized a Capacity Building and Input Distribution Program under Development Action Plan for Scheduled Caste Scheme in Canning-I Block of West Bengal

Backyard poultry farming is one of the family oriented schemes for economic development of poor and weaker section of the society. One of the major constraints in backyard poultry farming is the high mortality of chicken, occurring mostly during brooding and early age. Vaccination plays a crucial role in preventing various poultry diseases and thereby increases the survivability of the birds.

The Eastern Regional Station of ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata organized a one-day Training Program on “Poultry vaccination”, 2025 at Daria village of Canning I block (South 24 Paraganas) in West Bengal on 10th January, 2025. The purpose of conducting the program was to develop skill for poultry vaccination among the scheduled caste women under Development Action Plan for Scheduled Castes (DAPSC) Scheme. Beneficiaries



were rural women (n=10) belonging to Daria, Gobramari, Ronia Shibnagar, villages of Canning-I block. Besides, two beneficiaries



beneficiaries engaged in animal husbandry practices and back yard poultry farming at home and also received previously live poultry seed (Kaveri and or RIR chicks) from ICAR-IVRI-ERS.

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who already obtained training from ICAR-IVRI-ERS also joined in the programme as trainer and

extended practical training to the new-comers under the supervision of Dr. B. Mondal, Principal Scientist of ICAR-IVRI-ERS. All the



Within the schedule, both theory lectures as well as practical hands of training at the village level



was accommodated with a concept of “Learning Laboratory at Home”. In the beginning of the program, all the beneficiaries registered their names and received two types of kits, one is an awareness kit consisting leaflets and handbills on poultry diseases and schedule of poultry vaccination for knowledge development and for which vaccinations are done routinely. The



second kit consisted of masks, gloves, syringes (1 ml, 2 ml, 5 ml and 10 ml), slip pad, sanitizer and small sample container with cotton swab. Dr. G. K. Das emphasized the need of Skill

Development Program for rural women in general and weaker section of the society in particular. At the beginning of the program, Dr. B. Mondal told about the importance of vaccination in



general including human and poultry as well as goats in particular. He explained about various



types of vaccinations in poultry, turkey, ducks and goats, various routes of administration and necessary precautions to be taken during vaccination procedure. The lectures were followed by a live demonstration of the process of vaccination through subcutaneous, intra-muscular routes, nasal, eye and oral drops etc. in

poultry and intra-muscular routes in goats. All the participants did the practice in their own hands after demonstration.

Input Distribution Program: In another program, 10 beneficiaries received steel *topia* with lid and aluminium *Kadai* one each, essential for their routine operation (poultry feed preparation).

