

Eastern Regional Station of ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute organized a Gosthi cum Follow up and Input Distribution Program for Rural Women

The Eastern Regional Station (ERS) of the ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Kolkata and the Nilkantha Self Help Group (SHG), Dighari village, Bongaon jointly organized a Gosthi cum Follow up and Monitoring Program at Dighari village on 23rd December, 2024. Following the Gosthi, poultry feed and vegetable seed were distributed among the rural women belonging to the scheduled caste community. The program was conducted under Development



Action Plan for Scheduled Castes (DAPSC) scheme for the year 2024-25.

Dr B. Mondal and Dr. G. K. Das Principal Scientists from ICAR-IVRI-ERS, Kolkata were present in the programme and co-ordinated the program. Mrs Moumita Mallik, Mrs Dalia Biswas Mallik and Mrs Babita Mollik from Nilkantha SHG were present and organized the events. A total of seventy four (n=74) women beneficiaries, of which 10



were widows from Dighari, Kaikhali, Mathurapur, Nischintopur and Satashi villages of Bongaon block were participated in the program.

Input Distribution Program: Poultry mash (4000 Kg) was distributed among seventy four (n=74) beneficiaries those who received the chicks previously on 13th of November, 2024. Among



the beneficiaries, 46 belonging to different groups also received winter seasonal vegetable seeds under a specific objective to promote kitchen

gardening for daily house hold need and to provide nutritional inputs to the backyard poultry they were rearing under the same DAPSC scheme.

Follow up Program: Under Gosthi and Follow up Program, all the beneficiaries were asked about the survivability of the input (Kaveri chicks) they received from ICAR-IVRI-ERS on 13th November, 2024 and what type's problems they are facing while farming. Because of the poor performance in rearing the chicks, 4 beneficiaries were eliminated from the groups.

Re-filling of Medicines and Feed supplements: A day before the program, the status of the Veterinary Medicine Bank and the amount of medicines and feed supplements used by the group beneficiaries were obtained. On the day of program, the same quantity of the respective medicines



is refilled to the bank.



Farmers Field Visit: At the end of the program, a beneficiary field visit was made to examine the inputs and growth of chicks.

