

Chicks and Ducklings Distribution Program among Rural Women under Development Action Plan for Scheduled Castes

The Eastern Regional Station (ERS), of ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Kolkata and Janani Self Help Group (SHG) organized jointly an Input Distribution Program (IDP) at Narupara in Balarampur village under Sonarpur block of South 24 Paraganas district in West Bengal on 6th November 2024. The program was the first IDP under Development Action Plan for Scheduled Castes (DAPSC) for the year 2024-25.

A total of 112 rural women from 6 villages (Balarampur, n=20; Bonhooghly, n=8; Bhangarpara, n=7; Joykrishnapur, n=7; Chiyari-1, n=8; Chiyari-2, n=6; Chiyari-3, n=48 and Narupara, n=8) were present in



the program. All the beneficiaries belong to the scheduled caste community and majority of them are of



Rajbanshi sub-type followed by Tiyar, Bagdi and Dhoba sub-types. Dr G. K. Das, Principal Scientist and Dr. S. Bag, Principal Scientist from the ERS, ICAR-IVRI was present in the program. Dr. G. K. Das co-ordinated the program and Smt Mamata Naru, Mrs Nibha Naru and Mrs Baisakhi Bag, Mrs Pratima Kayal, Mrs Astami Naru and Smt. Chhaya Mondal from Janani and Ma-Tara Self Help Groups of Balarampur organized and managed various events of the distribution program. The purpose of the IDP was to promote animal husbandry, backyard poultry and duck farming practices among the rural women beneficiaries belonging to the scheduled caste community for income



generation and better livelihood.

A total of 2500 Kaveri chicks and 200 Khaki Campbell ducklings were distributed along with feeder (n=112), drinker (n=112) and medicine as well as feed supplements (n=112 kits).



Input Distribution Program in Balarampur Village (Sonarpur Block)