

Eastern Regional Station, ICAR- IVRI, Kolkata, Organized IVRI NEH Programme at Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh

Pig farming is a highly profitable enterprise that offers enormous scope for employment and income generation, and quite popular amongst the tribal people. As far as Arunachal Pradesh is concerned, pig is the second most important meat producing animal. Apart from providing nutritious food and animal protein, pig husbandry provides livelihood security, and also help in improving the socioeconomic status of the weaker section of the society.

Against this backdrop, Eastern Regional Station (ERS) of ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Kolkata organized **Kisan Gosthi-cum-Awareness Programme** and distributed piglets and pig feed to the beneficiaries

in collaboration with KVK-Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh of ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region on



17.03.2025 under IVRI-NEH Programme. A total of 41 beneficiaries participated in the programme. At the outset, Dr Utpal Barua, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK-Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh in his welcome address appreciated the efforts of ICAR-IVRI, ERS, Kolkata for implementing NEH programme through KVK-Namsai for

benefit of local farmers and assured to extend all possible help for executing future programmes as well. In his address, Dr P. K. Nanda, PS, ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata, pronounced the objectives of



the programme and the role played by ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata in improving the socio-economic conditions of the beneficiaries through implementing various schemes

and flagship programmes such as Developmental Action Plan for Scheduled Tribes (DAPST), Developmental Action Plan for Scheduled Caste (DAPSC) and North-Eastern Hill (NEH) in the Eastern and North- Eastern Regions of India. Dr Nanda also urged the beneficiaries to adopt scientific management practices in piggery farming for better production and enhanced income.

Addressing the beneficiaries, Dr Samiran Bandyopadhyay, PS, ERS, ICAR, IVRI, Kolkata, spoke on the symptoms, treatments and preventative measures to be taken for the most common diseases of pigs during pre-weaning and post-weaning period. As a part of health care measure, Dr Bandyopadhyay also advocated for proper medication as well as maintaining hygienic condition of the pig house and emphasized on the importance



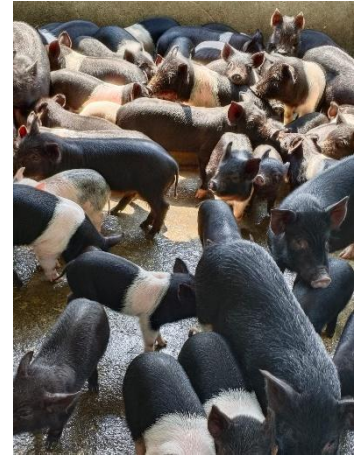
of timely vaccination of pigs, particularly against classical swine fever (CSF) and porcine respiratory and reproductive syndrome (PRRS) which is required to control the most devastating epizootic diseases, that cause high morbidity and mortality in pigs. During the programme, Dr Binod Kumar Dutta Borah, SMS (Animal Science), KVK-Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh gave a detailed presentation on scientific management of pig farming, including breeding, feeding, housing and health management.



The inaugural programme was followed by Kisan Gosthi-cum-Awareness Programme through organisation of a Farmer-Scientist interaction. During the interactive session, the problems and issues raised by the beneficiaries pertaining

to health and management aspects of livestock, including pigs were duly addressed.

The Farmer Scientist Interaction was followed by distribution of piglets (n=90), along with pig feed (6,000 kg) and mineral mixture supplements to beneficiaries (n=41) of Namsai district. An overwhelming response of the participants with cooperation of the subject matter specialists and staff of KVK-Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh, made the NEH programmes of ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata at Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh a great success.



Distribution of pig feed, supplements and piglets to beneficiaries

