

Eastern Regional Station, ICAR- IVRI, Kolkata, Conducted NEH Programme at KVK-Gyalshing, Sikkim

Eastern Regional Station (ERS), ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata under its North-Eastern and Hill (NEH) programme conducted “Training-cum-Awareness on Scientific Pig Farming” in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK)-Gyalshing, Geyzing district, Sikkim on 19.03.2025. A total of 75 beneficiaries mainly from Singyang-Chumbung GPU, Gyalshing-Omchung GPU Lingchom-Tikjya GPU, of Geyzing district actively participated in the said programme. The programme was graced Sindrong

Panchayat Member,
Phurba Doma Bhutia
in the presence of
other dignitaries,



beneficiaries and staff of KVK-Gyalshing, Geyzing, Sikkim. At the outset, Mr Dinesh Basnett, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK- Gyalshing, Sikkim welcomed one and all and during his address, lauded the efforts of ICAR-IVRI, ERS, Kolkata for distributing

inputs and organising NEH programme of ICAR-IVRI partnering with KVK for enhancing livelihood of local farmers. In his address, Dr P. K. Nanda, PS, ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata briefed the gathering about objectives of the



programme and role played by ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata in implementing various schemes and flagship programmes such as Developmental Action Plan for scheduled tribes (erstwhile TSP), Developmental Action Plan for scheduled castes (erstwhile SCSP) and North-Eastern Hill (NEH) for improving the socio-economic conditions of the beneficiaries. Dr Nanda also urged the beneficiaries to adopt scientific management practices for better production and increased productivity of animals.

The inaugural programme was followed by organisation of a **“Training-cum-Awareness on Scientific Pig Farming”** in which the beneficiaries actively participated. During the training, Dr Samiran Bandyopadhyay, PS, ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata appraised the beneficiaries about various piglet diseases, including anaemia, African swine fever and piglet diarrhoea along with biosecurity measures and methods needed to safeguard the piglets from contracting various diseases. He also emphasized the importance



of timely vaccination of piglets, particularly against classical swine fever (CSF) and porcine respiratory and reproductive syndrome (PRRS), to control the most devastating epizootic diseases. During the interactive session, the issues related to feeding, housing, health and management aspects of pig farming were also duly addressed.

The training -cum-awareness programme was followed by distribution of piglets (n=150) among beneficiaries (n=75) mainly from Tikjeck, Sindrang, Gyalshing, Naku areas of Geyzing district. The entire programme was compered by Dr Ranjit Subba, SMS (Agriculture Extension) with vote of thanks proposed by My J P Dulal, SMS (Agronomy). With support of the media and press personnel, the IVRI-NEH programme also received



coverage and the event was published in local newspaper. The cooperation received from one and all, especially the subject matter specialists and staff of KVK-Gyaba, West Sikkim made the programme of ERS, Kolkata a grand success.