

## ICAR-IVRI-Eastern Regional Station, Kolkata organized Animal Health Awareness Program under Development Action Plan for Scheduled Castes

ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Eastern Regional Station (ERS), Kolkata in collaboration with Bharat Sevashram Sangha organized an 'Animal Health Awareness Programme' under Development Action Plan for Scheduled Castes (DAPSC) scheme on 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 at Daria village under Canning-I block of South 24 Paraganas district in West Bengal. The overall scheduled caste population percentage in the Canning-I block, Daria and



Thakurani Beria villages are 50.66%, 86.86% and 90.9%, respectively, as per the report of population census-2011.

Sixty (n=60) rural women belonging to scheduled caste community mostly of Poundra, (n=58), Kaora and Bagdi (one each) sub-castes had joined in the program from Daria (n=29) and Thakurani Beria (n=31) villages. Dr. G. K. Das and Dr. S. Bag, Principal Scientists from ICAR-



IVRI-ERS, Kolkata and Sri Sujit Mondal, Secretary, Bharat Sewashram Sangha, were present in the occasion. All the beneficiaries received awareness kits comprising of scientific literature on poultry/duck/turkey/quail farming, vaccination and de-worming schedule as well as poultry and duck diseases, writing pad, pen, masks and plastic folder. In the beginning of the program, Dr Das highlighted the developmental activities of ICAR-IVRI





implemented for societal upliftment including DAPSC scheme, about the objectives of the DAPSC scheme in general, past programmes conducted in the Canning-I area, the purpose of today's program and upcoming programmes. He also explained briefly about the scope of the DAPSC program to translate

in to cash generation and women empowerment. Dr S. Bag, in his lecture narrated a brief history

of ICAR-IVRI since its inception as Imperial Bacteriological Laboratory, Pune, followed by Mukteswar, Kumaon Hills to Izatnagar Bareilly and the contribution of ICAR-IVRI in development and production of veterinary biological, diagnostics and



vaccines related to livestock and poultry. Sri Sujit Mondal, Secretary of Pranavananda Vidya Mandir, Daria, Canning-I described about various social activities of Bharat Sevashram Sangha conducting for rural development. He also highlighted about enabling and empowerment of rural women.