

## ERS, ICAR- IVRI, Kolkata Organized NEH Programme and Distributed Inputs at Khowai, Tripura

Eastern Regional Station, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata through its North-Eastern Hill (NEH) programme organized “**Training-cum-Awareness Programme on Scientific Pig Farming**” and distributed piglets, feed and veterinary medicines to beneficiaries under IVRI-NEH Programme, which may help in livelihood generation and overall well-being of the resource poor beneficiaries of the region. The



programme was organized in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK)-Khowai, Tripura on 01.03.2024. Apart from the scientists of ERS, ICARI-IVRI, Kolkata, Dr D. Mondal and Dr Sadhan Bag; Dr. M. S. Sachan, Sr Scientist and Head, and Dr. Nurul Islam, SMS (Animal Science), KVK-Khowai, staff of the KVK and beneficiaries (n =30) were present in the programme. At the outset, Dr M. S. Sachan, Head, KVK-Khowai, Tripura,



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-Khowai, Tripura. Dr. Nurul Islam, SMS (Animal Science), KVK-Khowai gave a brief overview of the programme and future plans of KVK to uplift socioeconomic conditions of resource poor beneficiaries. Addressing the gathering, Dr Sadhan Bag, PS, ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata narrated the objectives of the programme and role played by ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata through implementing various schemes and



flagship programmes in the Eastern and North-Eastern Region for improving the socio-economic conditions of the beneficiaries. Dr Bag also highlighted the research achievements of ICAR-IVRI, the premier research institute in animal sciences, particularly in developing vaccines and diagnostic kits for prevention and control of animal diseases.

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 Dayamoy Mondal, 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 to control the most devastating epizootic diseases. While interacting with the beneficiaries, Dr Nurul Islam, Subject Matter Specialist (Animal Sciences), KVK- Khowai, Tripura addressed the issues related to feeding, housing and management aspects of pig farming. During the programme, the problems raised by the beneficiaries in connection with health, feeding, housing and management aspects of livestock were also duly addressed.



The training programme was followed by distribution of piglets (n=60) along with grower feed (3,000 Kg), medicines and supplement among beneficiaries (n=30) of Khowai district. The piglets were handed over only after vaccination against classical swine fever. As a part of awareness programme, various leaflets were distributed among the participants. The entire programme was compered by Mr K. Sengupta and Dr Nurul Islam, whereas vote of thanks was proposed by Dr A. Chakraborty, SMS, KVK Khowai, Tripura. The support and cooperation received from one and all, especially the subject matter specialist Dr. Nurul Islam and staff of KVK Khowai, Tripura made the NEH programme of IVRI at KVK-Khowai, Tripura a grand success.

