

Eastern Regional Station, ICAR- IVRI, Kolkata, Organized NEH Programme at Mangan, Sikkim

Eastern Regional Station (ERS) of ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Kolkata, organized Kisan Gosthi-cum-Awareness Programme on Scientific Pig Farming and distributed piglets and pig feed to the beneficiaries under IVRI-NEH Programme, which may help in livelihood generation and overall well-being of the weaker section of the region. The programme was organized in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK)-Mangan, North Sikkim, Sikkim on 20.03.2026.



The programme was graced by Mrs Amrita Limboo, Zilla Panchayat, Mangshila Tikbuk GPU as Chief Guest, and Mrs Pemkid Lepcha, Panchayat Member, Kajur as Guest of Honour in the presence of other dignitaries, beneficiaries and staff of KVK-North Sikkim, Mangan, Sikkim. At the outset, Mr Dinesh Basnett, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK-North Sikkim, 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. Applauding the initiatives of IVRI for distribution of inputs under programme, the Chief Guest of the function urged the farmers to reap maximum benefit of it and get rewarded.

Addressing the gathering after the inaugural programme, Dr P. K. Nanda, PS, ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata 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. Further, Dr Nanda narrated the objectives of the programme and role played by ICAR IVRI, Kolkata 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 Region for improving the socio-economic conditions of the beneficiaries. Addressing the beneficiaries, Dr. A. K. Das, PS, ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata spoke on the market potential and opportunities for commercialization of traditional meat products in the north-eastern region, with special emphasis on pork for better income. As meat-



based value-added products are quite popular and high in demand in NE region, Dr Das suggested conducting hands-on training on "Scientific Meat Processing and Value Addition" to transform low-value meat into higher-value products so as to enhance income generation and empower the beneficiaries through Skill Development. During the interactive session, Dr (Mrs) Hishey Ongmoo, SMS (Animal Science), KVK-Mangan, North Sikkim described briefly the issues related to feeding, housing, health and management aspects of scientific pig farming.

The Kisan Gosthi-cum-Awareness Programme was followed distribution of piglets (n=120), along with pig feed (3,000 kg), among beneficiaries (n=60) from Mangshila-Tibuk,



Sinhik-Sentam Dzongu and lower Rongong of North Sikkim district, Sikkim. As a part of awareness programme, leaflets on Scientific pig farming, Farm



biowaste management, and biosecurity measures during pig farming, were also distributed among the participants. The programme also got highlighted in the media and local newspaper. The entire programme was coordinated along with vote of thanks proposed by Ms Linchen Doma Bhutia, SMS (Horticulture), KVK-Mangan, North Sikkim. An overwhelming response of the participants along with cooperation of the subject matter specialists and staff of KVK-Mangan, North Sikkim made the NEH programme of ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata at Mangan, North Sikkim, Sikkim a great success.



Piglet distribution programme held at KVK Mangan

SE Report

GANGTOK, March 20: ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute-Eastern Regional Station, Kolkata, in collaboration with KVK, North Sikkim, Mangan, jointly organized a day long Kisan Gosthi-cum-awareness programme on scientific pig farming and input distribution programme today at KVK, Mangan.

The main objective of this programme was to the farmers aware about the scientific rearing and management practices of pigs, informs a press release.

At the outset, senior scientist and head of KVK,

Mangan, Dinesh Basnet briefed about the important activities of KVK for the welfare of farming community of North district. He also conveyed thanks on behalf of KVK towards the entire team of ICAR-IVRI-ERS, Kolkata. He further requested the farmers to opt the scientific livestock management practices to increase their farming income.

Principal scientist Dr. P.K. Nanda from ICAR-IVRI-ERS, Kolkata highlighted about IVRI and the priority given by Government of India to the farmers of North East Region in the field of pig production and its socio economic-benefits. Dr. A.K. Das, also



from ICAR-IVRI-ERS, emphasized on the processing of value-added products from pork meat as well.

Mangshila Tibuk zilla panchayat Amrita Limboo urged the farmers to take maximum benefit from this programme. Motivating the farmers, she said that one who successfully multiplies the

piglets in their village will be rewarded.

The programme was followed by an interaction session between the farmers and scientists and distribution of 120 piglets along with 3000 kg feeds to 60 progressive pig rearing farmers of Mangshila-Tibuk, Singhik-Sentam Dzongu and Lower Rongong.