Eastern Regional Station of ICAR-IVRI celebrated "National Goat Day" through Awareness Cum Vaccination Camp under All Indian Coordination Research Project on Black Bengal Goat.

The Eastern Regional Station of ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata celebrated "National Goat Day" on 12th July 2025 through a Health Awareness Cum Vaccination Program at our designated goat cluster village in Hooghly District of West Bengal. The said program was organized under All India Co-ordinated Research Project on Black Bengal Goat (Non-Funded). This place is under Polba-Dadpur Block of Hooghly district and one of the best performed goat rearing cluster. Density of goat population is very high and almost in every household has sizeable number of goats at home. It is a remote area and farmers are rearing animals with minimum veterinary health care facilities. The said program was conducted under All Indian Coordination Research Project (AICRP) on Black Bengal Goat and Developmental Action Plan of Scheduled Caste (DAPSC) as majority of the goat farmers residing in the village belongs to scheduled caste community. The purpose of today's program was to make villagers aware about the importance of Black Bengal Goat-the pride of Bengal and to save the breed for its uniqueness. A total 51 farmers (36 females and 15 males) participated in the program and 300 goats were vaccinated for PPR. At the outset of the program, Dr S. Bag, Co-Principal Investigator, AICRP on Black Bengal Goat, told the back ground of the National Goat Day Celebration and purpose of the event. Dr. S. Naskar, Principal Scientist and Principal Investigator elaborated the plan and

future activities to be carried out for overall development of Black Bengal goat in this cluster. He also elaborated about scientific and better rearing including breeds, breeding, feeding, housing and overall management of animals. Dr. G K Das, Principal Scientist and Co-Principal Investigator, emphasized the reproductive issues that faced by the farmers and discussed the ameliorative measures to get optimum reproductive efficiency for this prime breed. Dr. Bimalendu Mondal, Principal Scientist (Virologist), discussed about different bacterial and viral diseases in Goat and he also talked about the importance of vaccination for prevention of these fatal viral diseases. Dr. Arnab Sen, Head, ERS, ICAR-IVRI, and Principal Scientist spoke about the importance and profitability of Black Bengal Goat rearing as compared to other Indian goat breeds. He also told about benefit of cluster formation and value chain for selling of animals in remunerative price and saves themselves from middle man. The program concluded with vote of the thanks.