

## ERS-IVRI, Kolkata organised Pashupalak Sangoshthi and DAPST programmes

To enhance the knowledge and awareness of tribal farmers regarding scientific and commercial animal farming, thereby improving their income and strengthening the link between farmers and scientific institutions, the IVRI-ERS-Kolkata organized a Pashupalak Sangoshthi at the Kalyani Animal Farm premises on January 30, 2026. The event saw participation from 120 farmers, including 100 women and 20 men, hailing from various villages such as Gayeshpur (Kalyani, Nadia), Birsidhunagar (Kalyani, Nadia), Pangashkhali, Gopalpur, Dumki, and Paranikheko (Canning I, South 24 Parganas). Among the participants, 107 were from the scheduled tribe community and were beneficiaries of the DAPST program organized by ERS-IVRI. The Pashupalak Sangoshthi and DAPST programs were conducted simultaneously.



Dr. T. K. Biswas (PI - DAPST), along with Dr. D. Mondal, Dr. B. Mondal, Dr. S. Naskar, Dr. S. Bag, Dr. G. K. Das, and Dr. A. K. Das, executed the program. The program was inaugurated by Dr. T. K. Biswas, who briefed the gathering on the objectives and needs of farmers-scientists interaction under Pashupalak Sangoshthi. Since the farmers are already linked with ERS-IVRI through TSP, he encouraged them to advance their current animal farming ventures. He suggested some simple techniques for proper breeding to produce quality offspring from their livestock. Dr. Dayamoy Mondal addressed the farmers to refresh their knowledge about various



diseases affecting animals and poultry, as well as their management. During the interaction, many farmers shared symptoms exhibited by their animals, and Dr. Mondal provided recommendations for managing these symptoms. Dr. B. Mondal detailed the vaccination schedules for different species of livestock, emphasizing the importance of regular vaccinations and the health and economic benefits they bring. Dr. S. Naskar delivered a lecture on livestock farm management, covering essential aspects such as housing, feeding, sanitation, and daily management. He also discussed various income-generating opportunities and schemes related to animal farming. Dr. G. K. Das focused on managing common reproductive problems in animals, proper breeding timing, and the significance of keeping accurate records regarding animals, including sales and income. He raised awareness about the model medicine bank and its vital role in remote villages where veterinary services are not readily available. Dr. S. Bag addressed the stress experienced by animals, its effects, and methods for management. Dr. A. K. Das discussed the



value-added options for various animal products to significantly increase farmers' incomes. He advised farmers to sell their animals based on actual weight rather than estimated weight, which is commonly practiced in villages, and encouraged them to sell products directly to consumers or shops for better prices. Additionally, five women farmers from different villages shared their experiences, success stories, and income-generating achievements since ERS-IVRI began reaching out to them.

The event included a distribution of supplies. Each attendee received a kit containing a mosquito net, a high-quality raincoat, feed supplements, health supplements, and anthelmintics. Additionally, literature on animal farming, disease management, vaccination, and other related topics was also provided.



**Key Outcome:** Feedback from farmers clearly indicates that their interaction with scientists and the interventions provided by the scientific institute—including capacity building, input distribution, health and vaccination camps, awareness visits, and demonstrations of farm management—have positively influenced their knowledge, attitudes, and adoption of best practices in animal farming. As a result, their income has significantly increased.

