

## **Eastern Regional Station of ICAR-IVRI organized a Promotional Program on Ghongroo pigs among the Scheduled Tribe Community under All Indian Coordination Research Project on Pig**

The Eastern Regional Station of ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata and Bharat Sevasharm Sangha, jointly organized a one-day Promotional Program on Ghongroo Pig among Scheduled Tribe people through awareness and input distribution. The said programme was conducted under the sub-head of Developmental Action Plan of Scheduled Tribe (TSP) of All Indian Coordination Research Project (AICRP) on Pig. Before this event, one day training Program on “How to rear



pig for income generation” was conducted in collaboration with Bharat Sevasharm Sangha and Rural Self-employment training institute in the Adibasipara / Natunhat (Pattabhangi) on 10.01.2025 in their village. This is one of the tribal-hamlets in Canning Bock of south 24 parganas district where tribal farmers are well

versed with pig farming and surprisingly, most of the farmers are well educated. The purpose of the promotional program was to make them aware once again for rearing of Ghongroo pig in



place of local pigs. A total 21 tribal farmer (16 females and 5 males) were participated in this programme. At the outset of the programme, Dr S. Naskar, Principal Scientist and Principal Investigator, AICRP on Pig, elaborated the back ground of the Development Action Plan of Scheduled Tribe (DAPST) activities and its prime

goal. He also informed the implementation system and its long-term impact of this programme. He also elaborated about scientific pig rearing including breeds, breeding, feeding, housing and



overall management of animals. Dr. Goutam Kumar Das, Principal Scientist and Co-Principal Investigator and the architect of Ghongroo Promotional programme has spoken about the importance and profitability of rearing of this breed as compare to local pig breed. He also spoke about basic reproductive problem and its amelioration

strategy. Dr. Bimalendu Mondal, Principal Scientist, talked about important viral diseases of pigs and its prevention through vaccination. He also discussed thoroughly about the bio-safety measures to keep the animals safe from highly infectious viral diseases.

After completion of the training program, inputs in the form of medicinal kits, comprising essential medicines and feed supplements and steel feeder were distributed among the farmers. Program was ended with vote of thanks.

