

Eastern Regional Station, ICAR- IVRI, Kolkata organized Kisan Gosthi-cum-Awareness and distributed inputs at Dhalai, Tripura, under NEH Programme

Topography, climate and socio-economic conditions in Tripura state intends the small and marginal farmers of Tripura to depend on livestock farming and duck rearing, which also offers the scope in generating employment opportunities.

Against this back drop, it was felt to give impetus to this profitable sector through IVRI NEH programme, so that adoption of animal and duck rearing may help in food security and overall well-being of the weaker



section of society by organizing **Kisan Gosthi-cum-Awareness Programme** and distributing piglets, ducklings, feed and veterinary medicines to beneficiaries. The programme was organized by Eastern Regional Station, Kolkata in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Dhalai, Salema, Tripura on 12.03.2025, wherein Dr Arnab Sen, Head of Regional Centre (HoRC), and Dr Dayamoy Mondal of ERS, ICAR-IVRI, ERS, Kolkata, participated.

The programme was inaugurated in presence of Mrs. Swapna Biswas, Chairman of Salema Block Panchayat Samiti, Mr. Nani Gopal Kar, Vice-Chairman of



Salema Panchayat Samiti and Mr. Bimal Debbarman, Block Advisory Chairman, Salema. Others present were Dr. Abhijit Debnath, Sr Scientist and Head, KVK, Dhalai, Dr Supratim Das, SMS (Animal Science), KVK-Dhalai, beneficiaries (n =80), subject matter specialists and staff of the KVK.

At the outset, Dr Abhijit Debnath, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK-Dhalai, welcomed the participants and dignitaries and lauded the efforts of ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata in implementing NEH programme through KVK-Dhalai for socioeconomic development of small and marginal farmers of the region. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Arnab Sen, HoRC, ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata pronounced the objectives of the programme and role played by ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata in improving the socio-economic conditions of the beneficiaries through implementing various schemes and flagship programmes. During the speech, Dr Sen the gathering about, 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. Dr Sen also appraised the beneficiaries to adopt scientific management practices and integrated farming for better production and enhanced income.

The inaugural programme was followed by organisation of a “**Kisan Gosthi-cum-Awareness Programme**”. During the programme, Dr. Dayamoy Mondal, Principal Scientist, ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata apprised the

beneficiaries about the rearing, importance of clinical management and vaccination of piglets and ducklings in this agro-climatic condition. Dr Mondal also urged the beneficiaries to adopt



scientific management practices for better production, increased productivity and reduced mortality of animals, in order to maximise their income generation. During the interactive session, discussion between farmers and scientists on various difficulties and management of piglets and duck rearing was done in

detailed way. The strategies to enhance piglet rearing and maximize income through integrated piggery and duck farming was also discussed.

The Kisan-Gosthi cum awareness programme was followed by distribution of piglets (n=60), ducklings (n=2000), along with feed (5000 Kg) among beneficiaries (n=80) from different blocks such as Salema, Durgchaumohani, Ambassa, Manu and Chanu Manu of Dhalai district. As a part of awareness programme, various



leaflets were distributed among the participants. The initiative of IVRI through NEH programme received an enthusiastic response from the local farming



community, with participants expressing their gratitude for the inputs, valuable guidance and support provided. The cooperation received from one and all, especially the subject matter specialists and staff of KVK Dhalai, Tripura made the programme a

grand success. The collaborative efforts of ICAR-IVRI, ERS, Kolkata and KVK Dhalai underscore their commitment to empower the farmers through scientific knowledge and resource support, paving the way for sustainable and profitable livestock farming in the region.



Distribution of Inputs