

Eastern Regional Station, ICAR- IVRI, Kolkata, Organized IVRI NEH Programme at College of Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry, Jalukie, Nagaland

Nagaland is mainly an agrarian state and livestock farming is an integral part of livelihoods and culture of Naga people. Further, the state accounts for one of the highest per capita consumption of meat in India. As livestock-based farming not only contributes to the livelihood security, but also plays an important role in improving the socio economic status, it was felt to give impetus to this profitable sector through IVRI NEH programme, so that adoption of animal and poultry rearing may help in food security and overall well-being of the weaker section of society.



Against this backdrop, Eastern Regional Station (ERS) of ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Kolkata organized Kisan Gosthi-cum-Awareness Programme and distributed goats, chicks, ducklings, feed and supplements to the beneficiaries under IVRI-NEH Programme in collaboration with College



of Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry (COVSc & AH), Jalukie, Nagaland on 06. 03. 2024. The program was conducted in the presence of Dr. Arnab Sen, Head and Dr Goutam Kumar Das, Principal Scientist from ERS ICAR-IVRI Kolkata; Dr. Sanjay Borthakur Dean I/c, Dr T. H. Gyaneshwari Devi, Assoc. Professor, and Dr. Mahesh Singh, Asst Professor of COVSc & AH, Jalukie; Dr. L Babita, SMS, KVK-Jalukie along with other dignitaries and beneficiaries (n=130) actively participated in the programme.

At the outset, Dr K. Mahesh Singh, Asst Professor, COVSc & AH, Jalukie, Nagaland welcomed one and all and during his address appreciated the efforts of ICAR-IVRI, ERS,

Kolkata for implementing NEH programme and distributing inputs through the Veterinary College. Dr. Sanjay Borthakur, Dean (I/C), COVSc & AH, Jalukie during his address lauded the efforts of ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata for organising livestock-based activities for benefit of the farmers of the area and assured to extend all possible help for executing future programmes.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Arnab Sen, HoRC, ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata briefed the gathering about ICAR-IVRI, the premier research institute in animal sciences, highlighting the research achievements, particularly in developing vaccines and diagnostic kits for prevention and control of animal diseases. During his speech, Dr Sen also 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. 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 Kisan Gosthi-cum-Awareness Programme on **“Livestock-based Farming Towards Livelihood Security”** through organisation of a Farmer-Scientist Interaction. Addressing the gathering, Dr G. K. Das, Principal Scientist gave an overview of the importance of animal rearing in rural economy of India as a whole and north eastern region, in particular. During the interactive session, the problems and issues raised by the beneficiaries pertaining to health and



management aspects of livestock were also duly addressed by the scientists of ERS, Kolkata and Dr K. Mahesh Singh, Asst. Professor, CoVSc & AH, Nagaland.

The Farmer Scientist Interaction was followed by distribution of inputs in the form of live animals [goat kids (n=20), chicks (n=295) and ducklings (n=2000)] along with chick feed (2500 kg), duck feed (n=2500 kg), goat feed (n=625 kg) and mineral mixture supplements among beneficiaries (n=130) mostly from weaker society of Jalukie village from Peren



district

of Nagaland. Various leaflets on backyard poultry farming and management and vaccination schedule were also distributed among the beneficiaries. An overwhelming response of the participants with cooperation of the staff of the Veterinary College, Jalukie, Nagaland made the

NEH programme of ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata a great success.