

Continued efforts of Eastern Regional Station, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata to stand beside the cyclone affected livestock owners of Odisha

Continuing the activities in cyclone affected areas of Odisha, Eastern Regional Station of ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Kolkata in collaboration with Directorate of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Govt. of Odisha conducted impact assessment and organized Animal Health camp-cum-Awareness programme in Mamadala, one of the worst affected villages of Balipatna block, Khordha district on 7th June, 2019.



An Animal Health Camp was organised in village to address the problems related to livestock health through diagnosis, treatment, vaccination, deworming programmes and awareness campaigns etc. Treatment was provided to sick animals for various ailments especially gastroenteritis, inappetance, bloat, mastitis, anoestrous, infertility, repeat breeding etc. Farmers were also provided with mineral mixture supplements for their livestock and birds.



PPR vaccination was also carried out in sheep and goats. The livestock owners were advised about the importance of vaccination and leaflets were also distributed during the occasion. The farmers were appraised about management measures to be taken during pre and post cyclone period or any other natural disaster, to maintain the health, without hampering productivity of animals.



As a part of awareness programme, the problems raised by the farmers in connection with health, feeding, housing and management aspects of livestock in the aftermath of cyclone were duly addressed and advisories were offered to the farmers by the scientists of ERS, Kolkata and veterinary officers of Odisha.

Under the leadership of Dr Mahesh Chander, Joint Director (Extension Education), the team of scientists from IVRI, ERS, Kolkata included Dr S C Das, Dr U K Bandhyopadhyay, Dr D Mondal, and Dr G K Das whereas Dr Loknath Behera, Joint Director, ADRI; Dr Subhasish Mishra, VAS, ADRI and Veterinary Officers of Balipatna and Satyabadi Blocks represented Animal Husbandry Department, Government of Odisha.

The programmes conducted by IVRI in collaboration with the State Govt., depicts the commitment and spirit of compassion towards livestock owners in general and animals in particular, who suffered a lot in Balipatna and Satyabadi blocks of Odisha, ravaged by cyclone "Fani". The locals appreciated the efforts and expressed their thankfulness.

