

Eastern Regional Station of ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata organized Skill Development Programme on “Scientific Goat Farming and its Management” at its Kalyani farm

Eastern Regional Station, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata organized a three day farmers’ Skill Development training programme from 30th January, 2018 to 1st February, 2018 on “Scientific Goat Farming and its Management” at its Kalyani farm, where an elite flock of Black Bengal goat is being maintained. This training programme was



organised with focus on farm training and hands-on practical exposure to trainees on scientific



methods of goat rearing. A total of seven (7) unemployed youth trainees from West Bengal and Bihar participated in the programme. At the outset, the programme started with address by Dr Syamal Naskar, Principal Scientist and Co-ordinator of the programme

who welcomed the participants and briefed them about the objectives and importance of goat rearing in rural economy of India as a whole and West Bengal in particular. Dr Naskar elaboratedly discussed about low-cost house, feeds and feeding practices, cultivation of fodder as well as usefulness of various locally available conventional and non-conventional feedstuffs for Black Bengal goats. Dr. Subhasish



Bandyopadhyay, Station In-charge, ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata appraised the trainees on vaccination schedule of goats, importance of deworming, diagnosis and control of gastrointestinal parasitic diseases in small ruminants. Trainees were given hands-on practical training on vaccination, hoof trimming, castration methods by Dr. Syamal Naskar and Dr Arun Kumar Das of ERS, ICAR-IVRI,

Kolkata in detailed way. Recording of data, Identification of animals by ear tagging methods were also demonstrated to the trainees as well.

During the training, Dr Arun K. Das, Senior Scientist spoke on routine goat farm management practices, care and management of pregnant does, new born kids, bucks and yearling whereas Dr Tapas Kumar Biswas, Scientist discussed on different breed types and

breeding policies of goat under different agro-climatic region of India. Talks on various bacterial, viral diseases, metabolic and other diseases of goat and its control / preventives measures were delivered by Dr. Bimalendu Mondal, Dr. Dayamoy Mondal, Dr Premanshu



Dandapat, Principal Scientists and Dr Samiran Bandyopadhyay, Senior Scientist as well. With the focus to double farm income, Dr P. K. Nanda, Principal Scientist urged the participants to integrate goat with

fish farming to reap more benefits through maximum utilisation of land and water resources.

On completion of the programme, feedback was taken from trainees to re-orient the future programmes based on their need. The trainees were found to be highly motivated after receiving training and vowed to take up goat farming as a venture to improve their socio-economic conditions. At last, certificates were distributed to the trainees by the Station, In-charge, ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata with vote of thanks proposed by Dr Syamal Naskar, Principal Scientist and Co-ordinator of the programme.

