

Eastern Regional Station, ICAR- IVRI, Kolkata, Organized NEH Programme at Gyaba, West Sikkim

Eastern Regional Station (ERS), ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata under its North-Eastern and Hill (NEH) programme organized **Kisan Gosthi-cum-Awareness and follow-up programme** in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK)- Gyaba, West Sikkim on 10. 05. 2022. More than 60 beneficiaries from Darap, Omchung, Upper Bedung, Yangtey and Kabirthing villages of West Sikkim participated in the said programme. The programme was chaired by Shri Roshan Khatiwada, Member Zilla



Panchayat and Chief Guest of the occasion in the presence of other dignitaries, including D S Bhandari, President, Upper Omchung and Bhaluthang ward, Gyalshing Block, West Sikkim district, beneficiaries and staff of KVK-Gyaba, West Sikkim. At the outset, Dr Dinesh Basnett, Programme Coordinator, KVK- West Sikkim welcomed one and all and, in his address, lauded the efforts of ICAR-IVRI, ERS, Kolkata for organising Kisan-Gosthi-cum-Awareness Programme of NEH component through KVK- West Sikkim.



Addressing the house, Dr P. K. Nanda, PS, ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata pronounced about objectives of the programme and gave an overview of the role played by ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata in implementing various schemes and flagship programmes through distribution of inputs under Developmental Action Plan for Scheduled Tribe Component (DAPSTC), Development Action Plan for Scheduled Castes (DAPSC) and North-Eastern and Hill (NEH) for improving socio-economic conditions of the beneficiaries.



The inaugural programme was followed by organisation of a “Kisan-Gosthi-cum-Awareness Programme” in which the beneficiaries actively participated. Addressing the gathering, Dr Dandapat briefly described the prevention and control measures of various bacterial diseases in pigs, giving special emphasis on zoonoses. Dr Dandapat also appraised the beneficiaries on biosecurity measures and methods needed to safeguard the piglets from contracting various diseases. He also emphasized the importance of timely vaccination of piglets, particularly against classical swine fever (CSF) and porcine respiratory and reproductive syndrome (PRRS), to control the most devastating epizootic diseases. While interacting with the beneficiaries, Dr (Ms) Lhaki Bhutia, Subject Matter Specialist (Animal Sciences), KVK- Gyaba, West Sikkim elaborately demonstrated the usage and benefits of mineral mixture, supplements and vitamins distributed among the beneficiaries. Dr Bhutia also addressed the issues related to feeding, housing and management aspects of pig farming.



The Kisan-Gosthi was followed by vaccination programme in which 150 doses of classical swine fever vaccines were administered to piglets distributed earlier. As a part of awareness programme, leaflets on various zoonotic diseases and handouts on rabies, vaccination schedules for cattle, chicken and duck were also distributed. In the wake of COVID-19 pandemic, the beneficiaries were also handed over a kit comprising of hand sanitizer, gloves and masks. The entire programme was compered by Mr J. P. Dulal, SMS (Agronomy) of KVK- West Sikkim. The support and cooperation received from one and all, especially the subject matter specialists and staff of KVK- Gyaba, West Sikkim made the programme of ERS, Kolkata a grand success.

