

## Monitoring the activities and a Follow-up Meet with the Beneficiaries of Balarampur Village under Sonarpur Block on 19th of February, 2021

Eastern Regional Station of ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Kolkata, organized an interaction meeting of the scheduled caste beneficiaries at Danga-Balarampur village of Sonarpur in South 24 Parganas district on 19<sup>th</sup> of February, 2021. The basic objective of the program was to take stock of the situation and motivate the beneficiaries with an ultimate aim of livelihood support through income generation.

A total of one hundred and twenty-one (n=121) women beneficiaries belonging to the scheduled caste community mainly from Danga-Balarampur village participated in the programme. Dr.



Subhasis Bandyopadhyay, PS, Dr.G. K. Das, PS, and Dr. A. K. Das, Sr. Sci. from ICAR-IVRI-ERS, Kolkata were present in the events. The above beneficiaries received inputs in groups in any one of nine different input distribution programmes and the types of live inputs were Turkeys, Japanese quails, Kaveri, and Rhode Island Red chicks as well as Khaki Campbell ducklings distributed from 16<sup>th</sup> of June, 2020 to 19<sup>th</sup> of January, 2021.

At the beginning of the program, Smt Mamata Naru, Secretary, Janani Sanirvar Gosthi, introduced the scientists of ERS-ICAR-IVRI to the beneficiaries and briefly detailed about the support received from the ERS-IVRI, Kolkata, during COVID-19 pandemic through the DAPSC scheme.



Dr. A. K. Das detailed the number of



programmes conducted so far for that area. He also highlighted the objective of the meet to realize each beneficiary about their strength. Dr. Arun also highlighted the role of women in Indian agriculture and pointed out the potential in each of the beneficiary. He also enquired about the difficulties faced in the marketing of

their birds and eggs.

Dr. Subhasis Bandyopadhyay again reminded the beneficiaries about the contribution made by the ICAR-IVRI in various societal programmes for income generation and livelihood security. He also narrated the actions to be taken by the beneficiaries during various months of the year for their livestock and poultry resources, particularly about the deworming and vaccination.



Dr. G. K. Das described various types of inputs given to them at different times, and also the mid-gap-filling of the requirements for supplements like vitamins, minerals, liver extracts, etc. supplied to them from time to time.



At last, the meet was opened for the beneficiaries to air their views on difficulties faced to rear the inputs and marketing. Some beneficiaries highlighted the profits they earned recently from selling the eggs and meat of quails

and the turkey before Christmas. Three beneficiaries described how they benefited with the inputs and time to time help in terms of medicine, vaccines and capacity building trainings from ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata. All the beneficiaries received mask at the point of joining the programme.

