

Eastern Regional Station, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata, participated in Krishi Samridhi Mela held at Ramkrishna Mission Ashram, Sargachi, Murshidabad (W.B.)

Eastern Regional Station (ERS) of ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Kolkata participated in the **Krishi Samridhi Mela-cum-National Workshop on Integrated Farming System** held at Ramkrishna Mission Ashram, Sargachi, Murshidabad, West Bengal w.e.f. 28th to 31st December, 2018. The mela was organized by Dhaanyaganga Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sargachi, Murshidabad (W. B.) in collaboration with Ramkrishna Mission Ashram, Sargachi, Murshidabad (W.B.).



The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Asish Banerjee Ji, Minister In-charge, Department of Agriculture, Govt. of West Bengal in the presence of Secretary, Ramkrishna Mission Ashram, Swami Vishwamayananda Ji and Dr A. K. Singh Ji, Deputy Director General (Agricultural Extension), ICAR, New Delhi and other dignitaries. In his inaugural address, Hon'ble minister suggested the farmers to adopt integrated farming system involving crop-horticulture-livestock-fisheries as components for improving agricultural productivity and enhanced farm income which in turn is key for societal development through better nutritional and livelihood security.

In the said programme, an exhibition stall was set up by the Regional Station with banners and festoons, wherein various technologies and package of practices developed by the institute were showcased. The farmers were explained about scientific managerial practices within the



traditional animal farming systems practiced in rural areas through banners and posters displayed in the stalls. The salient achievements and technologies developed by ICAR-IVRI emphasized the role of livestock in uplifting the socio-economic conditions of landless and marginal farmers.

The farmers were explained about the importance of vaccination in animals through distribution of leaflets in vernacular language on vaccination schedules for cattle, sheep/goat, chicken and duck for prevention and control of major killer diseases, and various deworming programmes to get rid of common parasitic diseases as well. The farmers were also appraised about the scientific management of animal husbandry with special emphasis on zoonotic diseases.



During the occasion, various leaflets on different emerging and re-emerging diseases of livestock (rabies, tuberculosis, brucellosis, *Peste des petits ruminants*), actinomycosis, integrated fish-cum-duck farming and scientific know-how on goat farming were distributed to create awareness among the farmers



about zoonotic diseases and scientific animal farming systems. The scientists also provided advisory services to farmers, and prescribed medicines to improve general health status of farm animals. Besides, the questions raised by farmers in connection with health and management aspects of livestock were duly addressed. The farmers and visitors who visited the stall were quite impressed with the exhibits and also found to be highly motivated.



Inaugural programme and Visit of Hon'ble Minister In-charge, Department of Agriculture, Govt. of West Bengal to different stalls



Display of Exhibits and Distribution of Leaflets to Farmers



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