

**Eastern Regional Station, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata organized Animal Health–cum- Awareness Programme at Brammapur, under Haringhata Block, District Nadia, West Bengal under Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP)**

Eastern Regional Station (ERS) of ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Kolkata in collaboration with Nadia Krishi Vigyan Kendra (Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya) Gayespur, Nadia, West Bengal organized an Animal Health Camp–cum-Awareness Programme at Brammapur Tribal Hamlet of Haringhata Block, Nadia District, West Bengal on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018 under Tribal Sub-Plan. Rearing of Livestock is the main livelihood of landless tribal farmers in this hamlet. They mainly rear goats, chicken, ducks and cattle. An animal health camp cum awareness was organized with special emphasis on animal health coverage.



A total of 359 animals and birds including poultry (209), goats (35), duck (12) and cattle (3) of 19 Tribal families were treated for various ailments and feed supplements were provided. Inspection of animals particularly goats and chicken was made for their health and necessary anthelmintics and vitamins were provided for growth and maintenance. Leaflets in local language on vaccination schedules and disease awareness were distributed among the farmers. An awareness meet about zoonotic diseases and scientific animal farming systems was made with the farmers.



One Kisan Gosthi was also organized at the end of the programme to improve awareness about scientific animal husbandry among the tribal farmers. Scientists from ERS-IVRI and KVK, Nadia participated in the programme. Dr S. C Das, Principal Scientist delivered a lecture on zoonotic and various diseases of animals, Dr D. Mondal, Principal Scientist delivered lecture on preventing mortality through health coverage and vaccination, Dr G.K. Das, Principal Scientist discussed on various infertility problems in animals and Dr A.K Das Senior Scientist supplemented different queries raised by the farmers on animal health improvement and productivity and Dr Malay Kumar Samanta, Programme Co-ordinator of KVK, Nadia discussed about integrated agriculture and animal rearing. ICAR-IVRI, ERS Scientists highlighted the importance of vaccination for prevention and mortality from major killer diseases of livestock like Peste des Petits Ruminants and Ranikhet disease of chickens etc. along with deworming and vaccine Schedules.



The tribal farmers were highly interested in the activity. They also informed us that they did not listen about any vaccination of animals and birds before this camp. The farmers requested to visit their village frequently for their animals and birds to reduce morbidity and mortality.