

Eastern Regional Station of ICAR- IVRI, Kolkata Organizes Kisan Gosthi, Animal Health Camp-cum-Awareness Programme and distributes piglets under IVRI NE Programme at Lakhimpur, Assam on 03.01.2018 and 04.01.2018

Eastern Regional Station (ERS) of ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Kolkata in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK)-Lakhimpur, under Assam Agriculture University (AAU), Assam organized Kisan Gosthi, Animal Health Camp-cum-Awareness Programme and distributed piglets to beneficiaries under IVRI-NEH Programme on 03.01.2018 and 04.01.2018, wherein Dr Subhasish Bandyopadhyay, Station In-charge; Dr Premanshu Dandapat, Principal Scientist and Dr P. K. Nanda, Principal Scientist from ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata participated.



At the outset, Dr Prodip Handique, Head, KVK, Lakhimpur, Assam in his welcome address appreciated the efforts of team-IVRI for selecting KVK-Lakhimpur in organising such a programme for the benefit of the farmers of the region. In his address, Subhasish Bandyopadhyay, Station In-charge, ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata briefed the gathering about objectives of the programme and role played by ICAR-IVRI under its NE programme through implementing various programmes in improving production and productivity of livestock so as to uplift socio-economic conditions of resource poor farmers. Dr P. Dandapat, Principal Scientist,



ERS, Kolkata spoke on animal health management measures including vaccination schedule to keep animals healthy. During the programme, Dr Prabal Saikia, Chief Scientist, RARS, Lakhimpur; Dr Prakash Gogoi, District Agriculture officer, Lakhimpur; Dr Prasant Boro, Asst. Professor, Veterinary College, Lakhimpur addressed the gathering and lauded the efforts of IVRI for its NE development programme.

The programme started with organisation of a Kisan Gosthi. During the programme, farmers were appraised about various aspects of scientific approaches for animal rearing systems and their health management, with major emphasis on pig husbandry. Queries

from farmers on various problems in pig rearing and management aspects, healthcare during parasitic infestation, vaccination and its role in controlling disease outbreak in different seasons were duly addressed by scientists from ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata, experts from Lakhimpur Veterinary College, Assam along with Subject Matter Specialists from KVK, AAU, Lakhimpur. The Kisan Gosthi was followed by distribution of piglets to 40 beneficiaries (@ ratio of 1 male and 2 females) under its NE programme along with pig feed and mineral mixture. The piglets were handed over to the beneficiaries after vaccination.



Next day i.e on 04.01.2018, an animal health camp-cum-Awareness Programme was organised at Pukhurporia village, Laluk, North Lakhimpur (Assam), wherein more than forty five (45) beneficiaries participated. To begin with, health camp covering treatment of sick animals, vaccination & diagnostic-cum-therapeutic measures and deworming to livestock was carried out. In order to prevent the major killer diseases particularly of cattle and goat, which are being reared in almost every household, vaccines such as Trio-Vaccine (combined FMD+HS+BQ) vaccine



was given to cattle (106) and goat pox vaccine were given to goats (41). Besides, health coverage was also provided to sick animals such as cattle, pig, rabbit, goat, poultry etc. for various ailments including gastro-intestinal disorders, ectoparasitic infestations, inappetance, debility, anaemia, infertility, reduced productivity, skin disorders etc. Farmers were provided with mineral mixture supplements for their livestock and birds.

As a part of awareness programme, the farmers were advised about the importance of vaccination for prevention and control of major killer diseases. The farmers were advised to adopt scientific management practices, while rearing animals to improve livelihood and socio-economic conditions. Awareness was created among the farmers on various zoonotic diseases and prophylactic and therapeutic measures to be taken. Leaflets in

Assamese language on “Piglet diarrhoea and its management” and “Peste des petits ruminants (PPR) control in goat” were distributed on the occasion. Besides, hand outs in Hindi on rabies, vaccination schedules for cattle, chicken and duck were also distributed among the farmers.

The problems raised by the farmers in connection with health, feeding, housing and management aspects of livestock and poultry were also addressed. The farmers benefitted by this programme thanked both the institutes (ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata and KVK-Lakhimpur, Assam) for taking initiatives and implementing this programme. An overwhelming response of the farmers and villagers, who participated in the event with great zeal, made the programme a grand success.



Registration of farmers and distribution of leaflets and kit



Kisan Gosthi-cum-Awareness Programme



Piglets and its distribution to beneficiaries



Distribution of mineral mixtures, medicines, feed etc. to beneficiaries

