

Eastern Regional Station of ICAR- IVRI, Kolkata Organized Kisan Gosthi, Animal Health Camp-cum-Awareness Programme and distributed piglets under IVRI NE Programme at Morigaon, Assam on 10.03.2018 and 11.03.2018

Eastern Regional Station (ERS) of ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Kolkata organized Kisan Gosthi, Animal Health Camp-cum-Awareness Programme and distributed piglets to beneficiaries under IVRI-NEH Programme at Gaonlia village, Morigaon, Assam in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK)-Morigaon under Assam Agriculture University (AAU), Assam on 10.03.2018 and 11.03.2018.



The programme was inaugurated by Shri Hemen Das, Deputy Commissioner, Morigaon district, Assam who lauded the efforts of ICAR-IVRI for its NE programme in livestock sector. At the outset, Dr (Mrs) Rijusmita Sarma Deka, Senior Scientist & Head, KVK, Morigaon, Assam welcomed the guests and in her address appreciated the efforts of team-IVRI for selecting the adopted village of Morigaon-KVK for organising such a programme for benefit of the farmers. Dr Subhasish Bandyopadhyay, Station In-charge, ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata briefed the gathering about objectives of the programme and role played by ICAR-IVRI through implementing various programmes in North Eastern Region so as to uplift socio-economic conditions of resource poor farmers. The inaugural programme was followed by organisation of a Kisan Gosthi. During the programme, Dr Premanshu Dandapat, Principal



Scientist, ICAR-IVRI, ERS, Kolkata spoke on swine fever and PRRS and emphasized on hygienic measures to be taken to prevent communicable diseases of pig origin. Dr Dandapat also appraised the gathering about the importance of vaccination for

prevention and control of major killer diseases. During the programme, Dr M. K. Tamuli, Retired Principal Scientist, ICAR-NRC on Pig addressed the farmers and pointed out the advantages and importance of artificial insemination in pigs for healthier and improved pig

production. While addressing the farmers, Dr P. K. Nanda, Principal Scientist, ERS, Kolkata advocated to Integrate pig farming with fish which can play a significant role in increasing farm income.

The farmers were also 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. The Kisan Gosthi was followed by distribution of 90 piglets among 30 beneficiaries (@ ratio of 1 male and 2 females) only after vaccinating (swine fever), along with pig feed and mineral mixture.



Next day i.e on 11.03.2018, an animal health camp-cum-Awareness Programme was organised at Gaonlia village, Morigaon (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 to cattle (105), swine fever vaccine to pigs (140) and goat pox vaccine were given to goats (61). Besides, health coverage was also provided to sick animals such as

cattle, pig, goat, duck etc. for various ailments including gastro-intestinal disorders, ectoparasitic infestations, chronic humpsore problem in cattle, inappetance, debility, anaemia, infertility, reduced productivity, skin disorders etc. Farmers were also provided with mineral mixture supplements for their livestock and birds.



Awareness among the farmers was created on various zoonotic diseases and prophylactic and therapeutic measures. As a part of awareness programme, leaflets in Assamese language on “Piglet diarrhoea and its management”, “Peste des petits ruminants (PPR) control in goat”, “Goat farming and management” and “Parasitic diseases control in domestic animals” were distributed on the occasion. Besides, hand outs in Hindi on vaccination schedules for cattle, chicken and duck were also distributed among the farmers.

The programme ended with vote of thanks proposed by Mrs Juli Sharma, Subject Matter Specialist (Horticulture), KVK- Morigaon. The farmers benefitted by this programme thanked both the institutes (ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata and KVK-Morigaon, 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



Participation of Farmers in Kisan Gosthi-cum-Awareness Programme



Piglets and its distribution to beneficiaries



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