

Eastern Regional Station of ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute organized Input Distribution Program in Bongaon Block

The ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Eastern Regional Station (ERS), Kolkata and Nilkantha Self Help Group (SHG) jointly organized two Input Distribution Programs at Dighari village of Bongaon Block (District 24 Paraganas, West Bengal) on 13th November, 2024. Dr B. Mondal and Dr. G. K. Das Principal Scientists from ICAR-IVRI-ERS, Kolkata were present in the programme and co-ordinated the events.

The first program was conducted to promote backyard poultry farming with improved variety of chicken, among the rural women for nutritional support to their family members and cash earning



for better livelihood. Thirty (n=30) rural women belonging to scheduled caste community from Dighari, Mathurapur and Nischintopur participated in the program. All the women beneficiaries underwent an animal cum poultry awareness program previously on 30th October, 2024. Six hundred

(n=600) Kaveri chicks were distributed among the beneficiaries along with chick feeder and drinker as well as medicine and feed supplement kits



consisting electrolytes, anthelmintics, vitamins (vit-A, C, E, B₁₂, D₃), minerals (liquid calcium), liver extracts,

and anti-stress preparations preparation etc.

In the second program, a total of 50 women beneficiaries belonging to 8 groups from Dighari, Kaikhali, Mathurapur, Nischintapur and Satashi villages participated the program. All the 50



women are the senior beneficiaries covered previously under DAPSC/ SCSP scheme and they are associated with ERS, ICAR-IVRI since 2019 and 2020. All of them are engaged in

rearing chicks, ducks, goats and dairy cattle. Based on their practices and performances, all the 50



beneficiaries were marked in to 8 groups village wise. A total of 1500 Kaveri chicks, 250 Khaki Campbell ducklings, feeders, drinkers and

medicine kits comprising electrolytes, anthelmintics, vitamins (vit-A), cough syrup, digestive enzyme and carminative, minerals (liquid calcium), liver extracts and anti-stress preparations were distributed among them.