

ERS, Kolkata of ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute Distributed Kaveri chicks among Rural Women under Development Action Plan for Scheduled Castes

The Eastern Regional Station (ERS), Kolkata of ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI) and Janani SHG organized jointly an Input Distribution Programme (IDP) at Danga village in Sonarpur block, South 24 Paraganas district, W.B. on 1st November 2023 under Development Action Plan for Scheduled Castes (DAPSC) for the year 2023-24. The programme was co-ordinated by Dr S. Naskar and Dr. A. K. Das, Principal Scientists from ERS-ICAR-IVRI and Smt Mamata Naru, Mrs Nibha Naru and Mrs Baisakhi Bag from Janani Self Help Group of Balarampur.



The purpose of the IDP was to promote animal husbandry and poultry farming practices among the rural women beneficiaries belonging to the scheduled caste community and under DAPSC activity of ICAR-IVRI-ERS. Dr Naskar in his interaction lecture

emphasized the importance of brooding of day old chicks and precautions to be taken during brooding, feeding and watering of chicks and the importance of medicines and feed supplements for better health and survivability of the chicks.

Further, the distribution is made by providing the improved low input technology variety of poultry chicks namely



Kaveri in rearing backyard for income generation and women empowerment.

A total of 2000 chicks (as poultry seed) and health supplements/ medicines were provided among 100 beneficiaries belonging to 5 different villages namely Bonhooghly, Danga, Joyenpur, Bagharkhol and



Chiyari villages of Sonarpur block. Each beneficiary received twenty ($n=20$) chicks (DOC) and a kit bag consisting of feed supplements (like multi-vitamins and minerals), dewormer, liver extracts and herbal immuno modulators/antioxidants etc. to overcome stress in of newborns.