

## Eastern Regional Station, ICAR- IVRI, Kolkata, Organized NEH Programme at KVK-Gyaba, Geyzing, Sikkim

Eastern Regional Station (ERS), ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata under its North-Eastern and Hill (NEH) programme organized “**Training-cum-Awareness on Scientific Pig Farming**” and also collected baseline data of beneficiaries in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK)-Gyaba, Geyzing district on 21.02.2024. A total of 75 beneficiaries mainly from Nayabusty, Tikjeck, Sindrang, Yangsum villages of Geyzing district actively participated in the said programme. The programme was attended



by Shri Manbhadur Darjee, Nayabusty Panchayat President in the presence of other dignitaries, beneficiaries and staff of KVK-Gyaba, Geyzing Sikkim. At the outset, Dr Dinesh Basnett, Programme Coordinator, KVK- Gyaba, Gyalshing, Sikkim welcomed one and all and during his address, lauded the efforts of ICAR-IVRI, ERS, Kolkata for distributing inputs and organising NEH programme of ICAR-IVRI partnering with KVK.

In his address, Dr P. S. Banerjee, PS, ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata briefed the gathering about objectives of the programme and role played by ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata in implementing various schemes and flagship programmes such as Developmental Action Plan for scheduled tribes (erstwhile TSP), Developmental Action Plan



for scheduled castes (erstwhile SCSP) and North-Eastern Hill (NEH) for improving the socio-economic conditions of the beneficiaries. Dr Banerjee also urged the

beneficiaries to adopt scientific management practices for better production and increased productivity of animals.

The inaugural programme was followed by organisation of a **“Training-cum-Awareness on Scientific Pig Farming”** in which the beneficiaries actively participated. During the training, Dr Samiran Bandyopadhyay, PS, ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata appraised the



beneficiaries about various piglet diseases, including anaemia, African swine fever and piglet diarrhoea along with biosecurity measures and methods needed to

safeguard the piglets from contracting various diseases. He also emphasized the importance of timely vaccination of piglets, particularly against classical swine fever (CSF) and porcine respiratory and reproductive syndrome (PRRS), to control

the most devastating epizootic diseases. While interacting with the beneficiaries, Dr (Ms) Lhaki Bhutia, Subject Matter Specialist (Animal Sciences), KVK- Gyaba, Geyzing addressed the issues



related to feeding, housing and management aspects of pig farming. During the

programme, the problems raised by the beneficiaries in connection with health, feeding, housing and management aspects of livestock were also duly addressed. To give wider publicity and enhance brand image of ICAR-IVRI in north-eastern



region, **“the Film on IVRI”** depicting its history, products and technologies developed was also showcased among the beneficiaries.

The training -cum-awareness programme was followed by distribution of piglets (n=150) among beneficiaries (n=75) mainly from Nayabusty, Tikjeck, Sindrang, Yangsum villages of Geyzing district. The entire programme was compered by Dr Ranjit Subba, SMS (Agriculture Extension), whereas vote of thanks was proposed by Mr J. P. Dulal, SMS (Agronomy) of KVK-Gyaba, Sikkim. With support of the media and press personnel, the IVRI-NEH programme also received coverage and the event was published in local newspaper. The cooperation received from one and all, especially the subject matter specialists and staff of KVK-Gyaba, West Sikkim made the programme of ERS, Kolkata a grand success.

