

## Goat Distribution and Capacity Building Programme for Livelihood Enhancement of Farmers organized in Nagaland

Phek, Nagaland, March 7, 2026: A “Goat Distribution and Capacity Building Programme for Livelihood Enhancement of Farmers” was successfully organized on 7 March 2026 in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra Porba, located in Phek District of Nagaland. Farmers were distributed with 5 numbers of goats along with mineral mixtures. The programme aimed at promoting goat farming as a sustainable livelihood option for small and marginal farmers of the region.

The programme was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Senior Scientist and Head of KVK Porba. From ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Dr. M. H. Khan, Principal Scientist; Dr. Ajay Kumar Yadav, Scientist; and Shyam Sunder, Administrative Officer (AAO) participated in the programme and interacted with the farmers.

A total of 16 farmers representing 10 villages of Phek district participated in the programme. During the event, Assam hill goats were distributed among the beneficiary farmers to support livelihood generation and enhance household income. The farmers were also provided hands-on training and technical guidance on scientific goat farming practices, including feeding management, housing, breeding, and disease prevention.

The experts from IVRI highlighted the importance of adopting improved animal husbandry practices and proper health management for increasing productivity and ensuring sustainable income from goat farming. Farmers actively participated in the interactive sessions and shared their experiences and challenges related to goat rearing in the region.

The programme is expected to significantly contribute to strengthening rural livelihoods and promoting small ruminant farming among farmers of the remote villages of Phek district.

The farmers expressed their gratitude to IVRI and KVK Porba for organizing such a useful programme and providing technical support for improving their livelihoods through goat farming.



