Kisan Goshthi cum Input Distribution Programme to Boost Ri Bhoi Farmers under ICAR-IVRI's Mukteshwar NEH Programme

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In a significant step towards strengthening livestock-based livelihoods in Ri Bhoi district, ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Mukteshwar, in collaboration with ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Ri Bhoi, which is under the ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam; organized a Kisan Goshthi cum Input Distribution entitled 'Care and Management of Poultry and Piggery during Winter' under the NEH Programme component of ICAR-IVRI's NEH Programme at ICAR-KVK Ri Bhoi's office and demonstration farms on 30th September 2026. The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of 90 farmers, including 67 women and 23 men, reflecting the growing engagement of rural women in allied agricultural activities.

Dr. G. Kadirvel, Director, ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam, graced the inaugural function as Chief Guest. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Kadirvel emphasized the importance of scientific animal husbandry practices during the harsh winter months and encouraged the ICAR-IVRI and ICAR-KVK Ri Bhoi teams to develop a model village for long-term sustainable livestock production in the district. During the programme, critical inputs including pig feed, poultry feed, poultry feeders, multivitamin mixtures, and other essential materials were distributed to participating farmers to support improved animal health and productivity. The technical session was led by Dr. Ashutosh Fular, Scientist, ICAR-IVRI, along with Dr. Sayed Nabil Abedin, who shared practical insights on winter-specific challenges in poultry and piggery management, including housing, nutrition, disease prevention, and bio-security measures. The initiative is expected to significantly enhance livestock productivity and income generation for small and marginal farmers across Ri Bhoi district.