

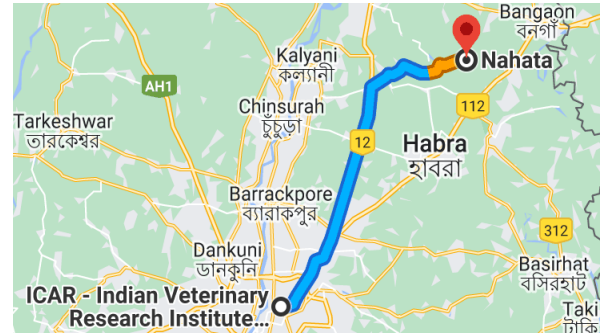


The ERS-ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata organized Chicks Distribution Program among the rural women in Bongaon Block of West Bengal under Development Action Plan for Scheduled Castes

DAPSC ACTIVITY

The Eastern Regional Station (ERS) of ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Kolkata and Nilkantha Self

Help Group (SHG), Dighari jointly organized an ‘Input Distribution Programme’ on 13th of March, 2024 at Nahata Ichhlampur village located in North 24 Paraganas District of



West Bengal. The Nahata-Ichhlampur is a village under the Chowberia –II gram panchayat area of Bongaon block and about 64.7 Km far away from the regional centre of ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata. Dr S. Bag and Dr. G. K. Das, Principal Scientists from ERS-ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata



were present and co-ordinated the programme. Dalia Biswas Mallik, Moumita Mallik and Babita Mallick from Nilkantha Self Help Group (SHG) were also present in the occasion and arranged the events. Two hundred (n=200) rural women beneficiaries belonging to scheduled caste community (sub-castes Namasudra=171; Dhoba=16; Bhuimali=6; Bagdi=4; Poundra=1; Rajbanshi=1; Rishi=1) from five different villages i.e. Mamudpur (n=54), Kulpukuria (n=22), Taranipur (n=34), Damdama (n=19) and Nahata Ichhlampur (n=71) joined in the programme and received the inputs. As

per the population census 2011, the scheduled caste population percentage of those five villages were 86.3%, 57.9%, 48.0%, 45.9% and 38.4%, respectively. Four thousand (n=4000) day old chicks of Kaveri (n=3520) and Rhode Island Red (n=420) varieties and medicine kits (n=200) bags containing medicines like



anthelmintics, feed supplements viz multivitamins, liver extracts, minerals like calcium, immune-modulators/antioxidants etc were also distributed among the beneficiaries.