

Eastern Regional Station, ICAR- IVRI, Kolkata, Organized NEH Programme at Gyaba, West Sikkim

Eastern Regional Station (ERS), ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata under its North-Eastern and Hill (NEH) programme organized a “Kisan Gosthi-cum-Awareness Programme” and also distributed inputs in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK)-Gyaba, West Sikkim on 31.03.2023. A total of 75 beneficiaries mainly from Singyang-Chumbung GPU, Martam Nazitam GPU, Yangthang GPU, Lingchom-Tikjya GPU and Gyalshing Omchung GPU of West Sikkim, who had earlier received piglets, actively participated in the said programme. At the outset, Dr Dinesh Basnett, Programme Coordinator, KVK- West Sikkim welcomed one and all and, in his address, lauded the efforts of ICAR-IVRI, ERS, Kolkata for distributing inputs and organising NEH programme of ICAR-IVRI through KVK- West Sikkim.



In his address, Dr P. K. Nanda, 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. 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 inaugural programme was followed by organisation of a “Kisan-Gosthi-cum-Awareness Programme” on Scientific Pig Husbandry Practices, in which the beneficiaries actively participated. In between the interactive session, Dr (Ms) Lhaki Bhutia, Subject Matter Specialist (Animal Sciences), KVK- Gyaba, West Sikkim elaborately demonstrated the issues related to feeding, housing, health issues



and management aspects of pig farming. As a part of awareness programme, leaflets on emerging and re-emerging zoonotic diseases and vaccination schedule of various animals were distributed among the participants.

The Kisan Gosthi-cum-awareness programme was followed by distribution of pig feed (6,750 kg) @ 2 packets per beneficiary (n=75) of West Sikkim. During the programme, the problems raised by the beneficiaries in connection with health, feeding, housing and management aspects of livestock were also duly addressed. 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.

