

**Eastern Regional Station of ICAR- IVRI, Kolkata Organized a Training cum Demonstration Programme and Farm Visit for Scheduled Tribe Community under All India Co-ordinated Research Project on Pig**

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Eastern Regional Station (ERS) of ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Kolkata organized one day training cum demonstration programme and farm visit for the scheduled tribe community under Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) sub-head of AICRP on Pig. The programme was



conducted on 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 at the Kalyani Farm of the ICAR-IVRI-ERS Centre and 24 tribal participants, consisting of 19 women and 5 men from 3 different districts (Nadia, Hooghly and

North 24 Parganas) of West Bengal attended the programme. The programme was co-ordinated by Dr. S. Naskar, the PI, AICRP on Pigs (ERS-ICAR-IVRI Centre) and other Co-PIs viz Dr. Dayamoy Mondal, Dr Sadhan Bag and Dr. G. K. Das. In his lecture Dr Naskar briefly



highlighted the objective of the training followed by in depth contribution of ICAR-IVRI on socio-economic upliftment of scheduled tribes and scheduled castes farmers through various outreach

programmes as well as the TSP and SC SP sub heads under AICRP since past. Dr Naskar described about scientific pig farming and importance of selection of pig breeds, housing, nutrition and other various managerial practices for earning profits. He also narrated how to manage new born piglets and also the pregnant female, care and interventions during farrowing etc. Dr. D. Mondal, Principal Scientist elaborated on different



aspects of various diseases of pigs and their treatment including prevention and control. He also



talked about proper disease management, maintenance of hygiene of pigs in different physiological stages. Dr Mondal also talked about various viral diseases in pig, their vaccination schedule as well as zoonotic disease of pigs especially swine

fever, and hygienic measures to be taken to prevent communicable diseases of pig origin. He also appraised the gathering about the importance of vaccination and safety measures for preventing diseases of pigs. Dr. G. K. Das discussed about pig reproduction and various issues of reproductive problems and how to minimize the incidences of such diseases. During his interaction,



he highlighted infertility and reproductive problems like delayed puberty, post partum anoestrus, repeat breeding with special reference to the embryonic death, abortion and stillbirth, retention of placenta, prolapsed, dystocia etc. Dr Das also discussed about the probable causes and treatment



schedule of various problems of pigs raised by the participants during the programme. Dr Das specifically highlighted the time of mating of adult female. Dr S Bag delivered a lecture about the impact of heat stress on pig

production and the measures to be taken to prevent the stress in animals. He also narrated the stupendous economic benefits gained by many women beneficiaries who started pig farming after getting trainings from ERS, ICAR-IVRI. The lectures were followed by a visit of pig farm where participants had an first hand experiences on housing of various categories of pigs, body weight recording, cutting milk teeth of piglets, care during farrowing, care of newborn piglets, tagging, medications, wound treatment, bio-security measures of the farm etc.