

## Input Distribution Programme Organised at West Sikkim by ERS, ICAR- IVRI, Kolkata, under NEH Programme

Eastern Regional Station (ERS), ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata under its North-Eastern and Hill (NEH) programme conducted “Kisan Gosthi-cum-Awareness” and distributed inputs in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK)-Gyalshing, Geyzing district, Sikkim on 29.03.2025. A total of 75 beneficiaries mainly from Upper Tikjeck GPU of Geyzing district,



Sikkim actively participated in the said programme. The programme was graced by Upper Tikjeck Panchayat Member, Sushilo Limboo in the presence of other dignitaries, beneficiaries and staff of KVK-Gyalshing, Geyzing, Sikkim. At the outset, Mr Dinesh Basnett, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK- Gyalshing, Sikkim welcomed one and all and during his address, lauded the efforts of



ICAR-IVRI, ERS, Kolkata for distributing inputs and organising NEH programme of ICAR-IVRI partnering with KVK for enhancing livelihood of local farmers. 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. Dr Nanda also urged the beneficiaries to adopt scientific management practices for better production and increased productivity of animals.



The inaugural programme was followed by organisation of a “**Kisan Gosthi-cum-Awareness**” in which the beneficiaries actively participated. The beneficiaries were appraised about various issues related to feeding, housing, health and management aspects of pig farming, along with biosecurity measures and methods needed to safeguard the piglets from contracting various diseases. The Kisan Gosthi -cum-awareness programme was followed by distribution of pig feed

(n=7500 kg) and mineral mixture (150 kg) among beneficiaries. The entire programme was compered by Dr Ranjit Subba, SMS (Agriculture Extension) with



vote of thanks proposed by My J P Dulal, SMS (Agronomy). With active support and cooperation received from one and all, especially the subject matter specialists and staff of KVK-Gyalshing, West Sikkim, the NEH programme of ERS, Kolkata was a grand success.