

**ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata, Conducted Kisan Gosthi
on Pig husbandry for Socio Economic Development of Tribal farmers
under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**

The Eastern Regional Station (ERS), ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Kolkata, organized the Kisan Gosthi Cum Training on “**Adoption of Pig Farming for Women Empowerment**” at the

premises of its Kalyani Farm complex, Nadia, West Bengal. The programme, attended by 40 tribal beneficiaries, was conducted under the Scheduled Tribe Plan (DAPST) to commemorate 75 years of independent India celebrated through **Azadi Ka Amrit**



Mahotsav. Apart from Dr P S Banerjee, Station In-charge, and Dr. T. K. Biswas, Sr Scientist & Nodal Officer, DAPST, from ERS, Kolkata; Dr H. N. Gartaula and Dr Prama Mukhopadhyay of IRRI, New Delhi and Dr Mahesh Chander, HD (EE), ICAR-IVRI, Izatnagar were also present in the programme.

At the outset, Dr. P S Banerjee, SIC apprised the gathering about objectives of the programme, the history of ICAR-IVRI and its contribution through production of veterinary biological, vaccines, diagnostics, etc. as well as various technologies for improving animal productivity. The SIC also briefed the 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) programme for improving the socio-economic conditions of the beneficiaries.



Dr. T K Biswas, Sr Scientist and Nodal Officer, DAPST appraised the beneficiaries about the importance of good management on animal productivity in general and pig farming in particular. He also advocated the importance of proper and timely vaccinations, nutrition, housing, pig breed selection, required for profitable pig rearing.



The team from IVRI and collaborating institutes interacted with the tribal beneficiaries to identify key issues and the constraints being faced by them during pig farming, and the interventions needed thereof to overcome the problems. The purpose was to



improve the professional competence and upgrade the knowledge of participants by addressing the issues and constraints of beneficiaries during pig farming.



At the end of programme, a kit consists of medicines was provided to each of the tribal beneficiaries. While concluding the programme, Dr T. K. Biswas, Sr Scientist and Nodal Officer, TSP expressed heartfelt thanks to the SIC, the learned guests and all the participants for making the programme a success.