

ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata, Organized “Input Distribution and Animal Health Awareness Programme” at Sonarpur, South 24 Paragans under DAPSC Scheme

ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Eastern Regional Station (ERS), Kolkata organized an ‘Animal Health Awareness campaign’ and ‘RIR chick distribution programme’ at Sonarpur in South 24 Parganas district on 22nd of March, 2023. The programme was conducted under Development Action Plan for Scheduled Castes (DAPSC) scheme for the year 2022-23.

A total of 200 woman beneficiaries belonging to scheduled caste community from 4 different villages, namely Danga, Joykrishnapur, Majher para, Dakshinpara, Balarampur, and Bonhoogly of Sonarpur block participated in the programme. Dr. P. S. Banerjee, Principal Scientist and Station Incharge and Dr. S. Naskar, Principal Scientist from ICAR-IVRI-ERS, Kolkata and Dr S. Ghosh, Subject Matter Specialist (Animal Science), Sasya Shyamala Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sonarpur were present in the programme.



The events of today’s programme were co-ordinated by Dr. P. S. Banerjee and Dr. S. Naskar.



At the beginning, Dr. P. S. Banerjee briefly described about the DAPSC scheme and its main aim, and also the objectives of today’s programme. He also narrated the scope of poultry farming for income generation and household nutrition through meat and egg production. Dr S Naskar explained about various precautionary measures to be taken for overall management, medication and vaccination of Kaveri

chicks from day one. Dr S Ghosh explained about role of KVK in women empowerment and vaccination schedules of chicks and other related issues for day-to-day management. Before the input distribution programme, 200 women beneficiaries participated in an awareness programme and received an awareness kit (printed folder, writing pad, pen, and leaflets in Bengali on



backyard poultry farming, folders related to chick management.

Under input distribution programme, three thousand (n=4000) Kaveri chicks, poultry chick mash (n=2000 Kg), chick feeder (n=200), chick drinkers (n=200) as well as medicine kits (n=200) consisting of multi-vitamin, anti-stress/ immune-modulators, liver extract, anthelmintics, liquid calcium, appetizer and antibiotic were distributed among the beneficiaries.

