

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

ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Eastern Regional Station (ERS), Kolkata in collaboration with North 24 Parganas KVK, Ashoknagar, West Bengal organized an ‘Animal Health Awareness campaign’ and ‘Vanaraja chicks distribution programme’ at Dighari in North 24 Parganas district on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023. The programme was conducted under Development Action



Plan for Scheduled Castes (DAPSC) scheme for the year 2022-23.

A total of 150-woman beneficiaries belonging to scheduled caste community from 3 different villages, namely, Simulia, Satashi, Dighari village of Bongaon block participated in the programme.

Dr. A. K. Das, Principal Scientist, ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata and Dr. Kaushik Pal, SMS (Animal Science), North 24 Parganas KVK, Ashoknagar, Habra were present in the programme.

The events of today’s programme were co-ordinated by Dr. A. K. Das. At the beginning,



Dr. A. K. Das briefly described about different activities of ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata and the DAPSC scheme including the objectives of today’s programme. He also narrated the women empowerment utilizing the scope of poultry farming for income generation

and household nutrition through meat and egg production. He again stressed on importance of

hygienic processing of poultry meat considering the food safety measures. Dr. Kaushik Pal explained about the variety of the chick distributed, various precautionary measures needed for overall management, medication, and vaccination of chicks. He also explained the importance of day-to-day management and capacity building training programs for proper vaccination of chicks and other related issues.





Before the input distribution programme, 150 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=3000) Vanaraja chicks, poultry chick mash (n=1750 Kg), chick feeder (n=150), chick drinkers (n=150) as well as medicine kits (n=150) consisting of multi-vitamin, anti-stress/ immune-modulators, liver extract, anthelmintics, liquid calcium, appetizer and antibiotic were distributed among the beneficiaries.



**Participants in the input distribution-cum-animal health and awareness programme**