

Report of programme on TSP by ICAR-NDRI, ERS at Birbhum (WB)

ICAR-NDRI, ERS, Kalyani, West Bengal, organized one day programme on ***Livelihood Improvement through Livestock Interventions*** on 3rd September 2021 at Paruldanga village of Birbhum district, West Bengal in collaboration with NGO, *Bolpur Manab Jamin*. Dr. S. M. Deb, Dr. Subrata Kumar Das, Dr. Champak Bhakat, Dr. Ajay Mandol, Dr M. Karunakaran and Dr. Somnath Dutta of ERS of ICAR-NDRI participated in that programme. Shri Srikanto Mondol, along with other members of the NGO, and Shri Mihir Roy, Deputy Chairman of *Sriniketan Panchyat Samati*, were present in that programme.

A scientist-farmer interaction meeting was conducted on that day. A total of 100 farmers were participated in that interaction meeting. Dr. S. M. Deb, in his speech, mentioned the objective of this programme which was empowerment of tribal woman farmers through livestock rearing for nutritional and economic sustainability, decision making power, and finally enhancing the socio-economic status tribal farm families. Other scientists present on the occasion explained different aspects of goat rearing like breeding, feeding, housing, deworming, vaccination, fast-aid, management of transportation stress, kid mortality etc. to the tribal women farmers. Tribal farmers were motivated to adopt scientific goat rearing to make it as profitable business and feedback from the farmers were also recorded.

Some need base inputs for goat rearing were distributed to 30 tribal woman farmers. A total of 60 female goats, two goats to each farmer, along with one 50 kg bag of concentrate mixture feed (EPIC goat mash) were distributed. Additionally, each of tribal farmers was provided with two kg of mineral mixture, vitamin supplements, veterinary fast-aid kit, anthelmintic and some other essential medicines. The body weight of each goat distributed was recorded and ear tagged for identification of animal for further recording under this project. Scientists also visited a goat farm of a progressive farmer who requested to provide training on “scientific goat rearing” who was assured to be included in the forthcoming training programme of ERS, ICAR-NDRI.



