Eastern Regional Station of ICAR-NDRI, Kalyani organized Livestock development camp in Meghalaya on 26th Feb., 2020

Under the ICAR-NDRI-NEH Project component ERS of NDRI, Kalyani organized village level camp in Marngar village of Ri-Bhoi (Aspirational District as per Gov. of India notification) District of Meghalaya on 26, February 2020 for livestock development programme. The team of Scientists and Chief Technical Officer (Dr. T. K. Dutta, Pr. Scientist, Dr. Asif Mohammad, Scientist and Dr. Amitava Ghosh, CTO) visited the village in support and collaboration with ICAR-Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam, Meghalaya. Dr. Arnab Sen, Pr. Scientist and Head, Animal Health Div. and Dr. R.G. Laha, Pr. Scientist of ICAR-Research Complex for NEH Region and their team helped the NDRI team for successful organization of the programme in the village. One interaction-cum training session was organized in the village in which the beneficiary farmers were appraised of different scientific procedures for successful farming of goat and pig rearing. Team of Scientists and Chief Technical Officer of both the Institutes explained different aspects of feeding, management and health care; and economic aspects of goat and pig rearing. 20 piglets and 20 quintals of pig feed were distributed to 20 beneficiary farmers of the village in order to support their pig farming in a scientific way with integrated approach in their traditional agricultural practices. Earlier, eight (8) farmers of this Marngar village were trained in ERS of NDRI, Kalyani campus on scientific goat rearing aspects. Two female goats (Assamese local type, 6-10 months of age) were distributed to each farmer trained in ERS. Four healthy male goats (Assamese local type, 9-10 months of age) were also distributed to 4 trained farmers in order to support for breeding purposes of goats reared by the farmers in that village. Twenty other farmers of the same village were also given female goat (Assamese local type, 6-10 months of age) one each in order to support their livelihood. Therefore, total 40 goats (36 females and 4 males, Assamese local type) were distributed to 28 farmers of the village to integrate the livestock component in their tradition agriculture practices with the aim for higher family income and nutritional security. Mineral mixture and vitamin supplements etc. were also distributed to all beneficiary farmers for maintaining proper nutritional status and health of the animals (piglets and goats) distributed in the camp. Farmers of the village were very keen to learn different aspects of scientific pig and goat farming in order to support their livelihood and to enhance family income. The team of Scientists/CTO of ERS-NDRI, Kalyani thanked to all farmers, local administration and team members of ICAR-Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam, Meghalaya for successful organization of the programme.