NDRI, ERS, helps Dhalai (Tripura) farmers to uplift their socio-economic status through NEH project

ICAR-NDRI ERS, Kalyani, (WB) along with KVK, Dhalai, Tripura jointly organized programme on "Livelihood improvement through poultry and livestock interventions" on 11.07.23 at Salema KVK, Dhalai district of Tripura which is an aspirational district. Scientists of ERS-NDRI, namely Dr. S.K Das (Principal Scientist), Dr. Champak Bhakat (Principal Scientist and programme coordinator), Dr. A Santra (Principal Scientist) Dr. S Dutta (TO), actively participated in the programme. A Scientists-Farmers' interaction-cum-training programme was conducted 11.07.23. Total of 132 NEH farmers participated in that programme. Dr. SK Das briefed objectives of this programme and overall activities and some burning issues etc. Dr. Champak Bhakat highlighted way forward to empower of NEH farmers for increasing socio-economic status through duck based integrated farming, scientific feeding practices, housing, vaccination, mortality issues, breeding strategies, emerging health issues, transportation stress etc. and he also urged to all farmers for providing feedback in future. Dr. A Santra talked about nutritional management. Dr. S Dutta narrated some aspects of health management. Dr. A Debnath (Head, KVK, Dhalai) stressed upon the need for

upliftment of farmers through poultry-based farming and he also narrated important role of KVK to collect feedback from beneficiaries. A total of 132 farmers of surrounding villages were motivated to adopt scientific rearing of their duck/livestock to make it as profitable business. Some need base inputs (ducks, duck-feed, pig-feed, mineral mix packets, essential vet medicines, duck feeders, waterers and training kits, literatures etc.) were distributed to 70 farmers. Distribution @ 11 duckling of Khakicambel breed (28 days old), 2 pieces feeders, 2 pieces waterer, 1 bag each duck feed and pig feed, 1 kg mineral mixture packets and some essential medicines has provided to beneficiaries. An animal heath camp was also conducted to treat some animals. It will help farmers to rear livestock scientifically and it is expected for higher economic gain which will commensurate the GOI programme (doubling farmer's income). All farmers were very much thankful for organizing such effective and solution-oriented programme.