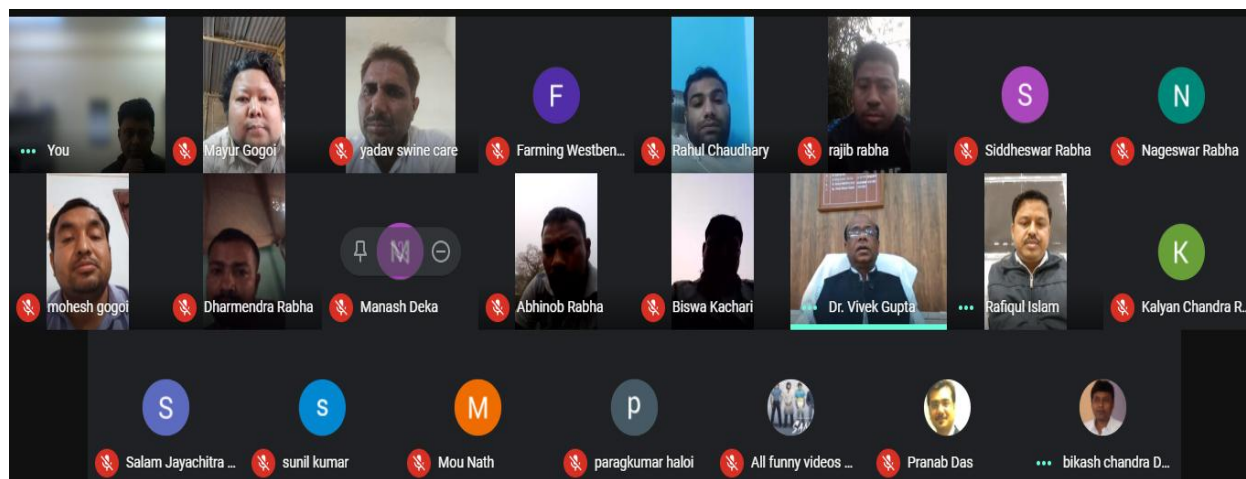


Three Days National Virtual Training on Artificial Insemination in Pigs conducted by ICAR- NRC on Pig, Rani

Pig husbandry plays a vital role in uplifting the socio-economic status of rural masses especially the tribal farmers of North Eastern States of India for whom pig rearing is a way of living and livelihood. ICAR-NRC on Pig has been popularizing Artificial Insemination (AI) in pigs as a means of rapid spread of superior germplasm to the pig farmers of the country particularly in NE States. In order to percolate the technology even into the rural areas of the country, the institute has organized a 03-day National Virtual Training on Artificial Insemination in Pigs from February 23-25, 2021; where 19 youth entrepreneurs/farmers participated from the states of Assam, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

Dr. Vivek Kumar Gupta, Director, ICAR-NRC on Pig emphasized on the importance of A.I. in pigs for rapid dissemination of superior germplasm for quick expansion of commercial piggery in the country. He motivated the participants to adopt scientific practices in bringing the piggery at commercial level. Under the training programme, online lectures and demonstrations were imparted on AI in pigs. Apart from AI, the participants were also exposed to general pig farm management practices. Technical presentations, demonstrations and reply to their queries regarding Pig Reproduction and Artificial Insemination were provided by Dr. Rafiqul Islam, Pr. Scientist (PS) and Dr. Sunil Kumar, Scientist of this Institute. Technical presentations on various aspects of pig production and health were imparted by Scientists from other disciplines viz. Dr. B. C. Das, PS; Dr. Swaraj Rajkhowa, PS; Dr. Keshab Barman, PS; Dr. P. J. Das, PS; Dr. Seema Rani Pegu, Senior Scientist and Ms. Salam Jayachitra Devi, Scientist. All the participants were very interactive and attentive during all the sessions of training programme. They were very enthusiastic and highly optimistic to perform AI in pigs based on the technology learnt during the three days training. The programme will definitely be instrumental in spreading the AI technology in the field across the country.



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