

## Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) on Scientific Pig Production Practices and Value Addition of Pork

Agri-Business Incubation Centre of ICAR-National Research Centre on Pig has organized a one day “Entrepreneurship development programme (EDP) on scientific pig production practices and value addition of pork” on 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2021. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Vivek Kumar Gupta, Director of ICAR-National Research Centre on Pig. The training programme was envisaged to impart knowledge and skills pertaining to scientific pig production as well as value addition of pork to the prospective entrepreneurs and was attended by 11 prospective entrepreneurs from Assam, Telengana, and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. During the training, relevant topics pertinent to commercial pig farming and pork processing were covered in detail by the scientific personnel of ICAR-NRC on Pig. The areas covered under the training programme were: Good management practices to be followed in pig farms; basic criteria for selection of breed/ varieties/ strain and breeding strategies for profitable pig farming; smart piggery- methods for establishing traceability and use of artificial intelligence in commercial pig farming; principles of feeding of different categories of pigs and appropriate strategy for use of conventional as well as non-conventional feed stuffs for pig feeding; housing requirements, care and management for different categories of pigs; record keeping in farm and housing requirements; male and female pig management for profitable pig farming, including Artificial Insemination; economically important infectious diseases of pigs and their control; bio-security aspects and the preparedness required to tackle the challenges with respect to new and emerging diseases associated with pigs; FSSAI and PCB guidelines for establishing processing units and ways for value addition of pork; aspects to be considered towards brand building in piggery and pork value chain; methods of waste management in pig farms/processing units and addressing specific technological challenges faced by Entrepreneur start-ups in the pork value chain. Trainees have actively participated in the discussion and expressed their satisfaction over the different aspects covered in the training programme. Dr. R. Thomas, Senior Scientist and PI, ABI and Dr. P.J. Das, Principal Scientist & In-Charge, ITMU have coordinated the training programme.

