

Report on International Women`s day events organized by ICAR-National Research Centre on Pig, Guwahati, Assam

ICAR-National Research Centre on Pig, Guwahati, Assam celebrated International Women`s day and organized a workshop on Strengthening the role of farm women in pork value chain in North East India for Sustainable Livelihood on 08.03.2021. The event was attended by about 140 persons including 80 farmer women and entrepreneurs. The programme started with welcome address by Dr.N H. Mohan, followed by speeches from guests of honour, Dr.M.K.Tamuli and Dr.Jyotsana Baruah and Chief Guest, Dr.N.K.Mohan. In his presiding address, Dr.V.K.Gupta, Director of the institute, extended warm International Women`s Day to all and emphasized the role of promoting gender equality and women empowerment through a agribusiness in general and pig husbandry in specific. The vote of thanks was offered by Dr.K.Barman and the programme was anchored by Dr.Seema Rani Pegu. During the function, two progressive women farmer-entrepreneurs were felicitated and their achievements, in spite of several adversities in life, as inspirational real life stories were described to the audience. Prizes were given away to six students who has won a drawing completion held for students of Rani High School. Later, Scientists and guest delegates, interacted with women farmer delegates extensively, mutually sharing their experiences in farming, entrepreneurship and development of women leadership. The school student who participated in the debate programme on role of farm women in the society in post COVID-19 scenario was also recognized with prizes. The interaction programme was followed by sports/cultural events for women farmers (spoon-marble race and musical chair), winners of which were awarded prizes.

An interactive meeting under chairmanship of Director, with staff members of the institute was also organized at 4.00pm to recognize the contribution of women staff members. Dr.V.K.Gupta, Director and other staff members acknowledged the contribution of female staff, who spoke on contributions made by women in the society. A token of appreciation was given away to the women staff members of the institute. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.





