

Celebration of International Women's Day

International Women's day was celebrated at ICAR-National Research Centre on Pig, 8th March 2022. To mark the occasion, a workshop on **“Scientific Pig Production Practices: Empowering Women and Bringing Prosperity”** was conducted for farm women engaged in pig husbandry. The event was attended by 120 persons including 75 women farmers and entrepreneurs from Marabhitha, Dhantola and Rani village of Kamrup district, Assam. The programme was graced by chief guest Mrs. Rashmi Gupta, Chairperson, Ladies Club, ICAR-NRCP and the Guest of Honour Dr. Rupa Saikia, Senior Medical Officer, Rani Community Health Centre, Rani, Kamrup, Assam. The programme comprised of three sessions, inaugural, workshop and activity involving farm women. Inaugural session started with ICAR song and State Song of Assam.



Inaugural Session of the Programme

Welcome address was delivered by Dr. Seema Rani Pegu, I/c SCSP and Senior Scientist, ICAR-NRC on Pig. She briefed about the programme and the importance of scientific pig production practices in empowering farm women and bringing in economic prosperity. Dr. Jaya, Scientist, ICAR-NRCP, extended warm regards to all participants and emphasized the role of empowered women in societal development. Dr. Rupa Saikia, gave a talk on women's health and hygiene and emphasized the importance of physical well-being on overall development of the family. She elaborated on good nutrition and food practices for a pregnant women, lactating women, child and overall family. Mrs. Rashmi Gupta addressed the

farmwomen, focussing on the gender equality and inclusive growth for women. She stressed on the crucial role of empowered women in helping those necessitating empowerment. Inaugural session concluded with a vote of thanks from Dr. Salam Jayachitra Devi, Scientist, ICAR-NRCP.



Workshop Session of the Programme

Workshop session, consisted of talk on pig health and biosecurity measures by Dr. Seema Rani Pegu, credit linkage support for pig rearing by Dr. Misha Madhavan M. and an Interactive session with farm women on pig rearing for rural prosperity by Dr. Jaya and Dr. Salam Jayachitra Devi. There was extensive interaction with farm women and mutual sharing of experiences and challenges with pig rearing practices. A plantation drive was also conducted to earmark the occasion, wherein saplings were planted by Chief Guest and Guest of Honour along with farmwomen and lady staffs of ICAR-NRCP.



Farmwomen attending the Programme



Plantation Drive during the Programme

Activity session consisted of recreational activities like musical chair, spoon-marble race and discus throw for farm women, who actively participated and winners were felicitated with prizes. Inputs like umbrella were also distributed to SC women pig farmers on the occasion.

Dr. Seema Rani Pegu, I/c SCSP extended warm regards to all participants and emphasized the role of promoting gender equality and empowering farmwomen through science and technology led intervention in pig husbandry for their economic well-being and prosperity.



Activity Session during the Programme



Felicitation and Input Distribution during the Programme

An interactive meeting under chairmanship of the Director, with staff members of the institute was organized at 4.00 PM on the theme “**Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow**”, wherein the staff members put forth their views on achieving gender equality in current scenario so as to achieve sustainable growth and development tomorrow. They also recognized the contribution of women staff members of the institute in different activities of

the institute. Dr. V. K. Gupta, Director and other staff members acknowledged the contribution of female staffs, and spoke on contributions made by women in the society. A token of appreciation was given away to the women staff members of the institute by the Director. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



Interactive Meeting on the Occasion