

**Commissioned 'Micro Pig Abattoir' and organized sensitization workshop on 'Enhancing commercial pig production, including organic pig production, in NE India with focus on export prospects' in collaboration with APEDA**

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ICAR-National Research Centre on Pig, Rani, Guwahati in collaborator with Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has organized a sensitization workshop on 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 on 'Enhancing commercial pig production, including organic pig production, in NE India with focus on export prospects' towards creation of an ecosystem that not only enables the different stakeholders to interact each other but also to tap into the vast market opportunities presented by the domestic as well as export markets. The programme was organized at Agartala, Tripura. The programme was attended by over 100 participants comprising commercial pig farmers and officials from ARDD, Govt. of Tripura. The programme was graced by the presence of Dr V.K. Gupta, Director, ICAR-NRCP, Dr. Bimal Krishna Das, Director i/c, ARDD and Dr. Shyamal Das Gupta, Deputy Director, ARDD, Govt. of Tripura. In the Inaugural address Dr V.K. Gupta, Director, ICAR-NRCP emphasized on need to maintain quality of the production and the need to promote processing sector in NE region and has assured all the required technical support and knowhow from ICAR-NRCP to the stakeholders. During the address the Director, ARDD has reiterated the need for commercializing the piggery sector with scientific practices to tap the existing vast domestic demand and the huge export markets for pork and pork products in Bhutan, Myanmar, Nepal, China and South East Asian countries. Sensitization lectures were delivered by Dr. P.J. Das, Principal Scientist and Dr. R. Thomas, Senior Scientist from ICAR-NRCP. This was the 4<sup>th</sup> sensitization programme in the series and ICAR-NRCP in collaboration with APEDA has already organized similar programmes in Dhemaji, Majuli and Sivasagar Districts of Assam. A micro pig abattoir, developed through ABI technical support of ICAR-NRC on Pig, has also been commissioned at Nalicherra, District Dhalai, Tripura on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2022.

