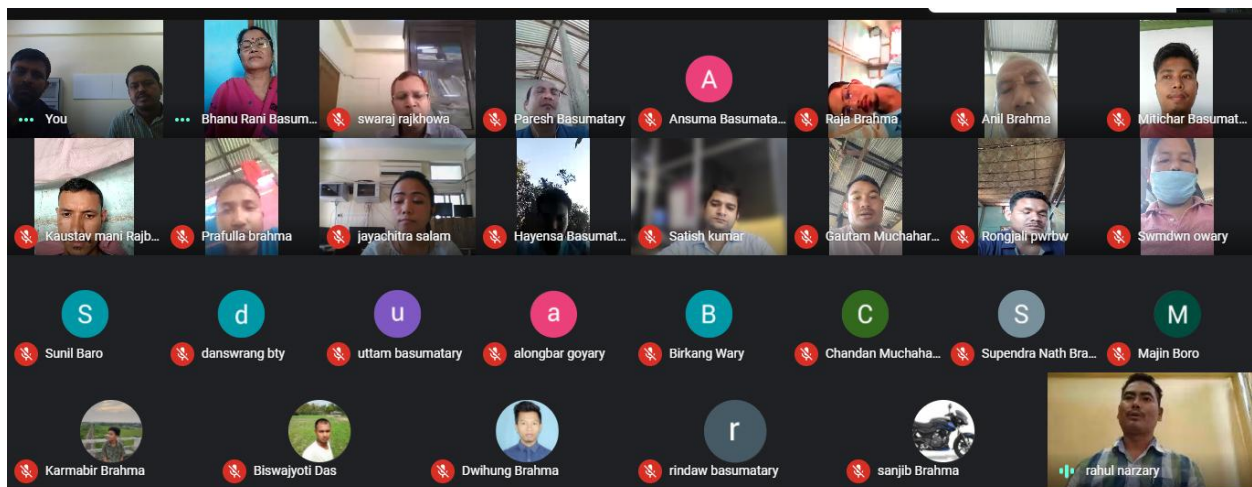


Popularization of Artificial Insemination in Pigs in the State of Assam through online series of awareness cum demonstration programmes conducted by ICAR- NRC on Pig, Rani

Pig farming plays a pivotal role in uplifting the socio-economic status of rural masses especially the tribal farmers of North Eastern States 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 needy pig farmers of the country particularly in NE States. In order to percolate the technology even into the rural areas of the state of Assam, the institute has organized a series of four online awareness cum demonstration programmes for pig farmers of the State. These programs were organized during 14-17th Oct., 2020 in online mode where around 100 famers participated from different districts of Assam namely Kamrup (Rural and Metro), Udalguri, Majuli, Baksa, Sibsagar and Kokrajhar.

Dr. S. Rajkhowa, Director (Acting), 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 State. Under these programmes, online lectures and live demonstrations were imparted on AI in pigs. Apart from AI, the participants were also exposed to general pig farm management practices. Technical suggestions and reply to their queries were provided by Dr. Rafiqul Islam, Pr. Scientist (AR &G) from the Institute. These programmes will definitely be instrumental for spreading the AI technology in the field across the state.



(Source: ICAR-NRC on Pig, Rani, Guwahati)