

Five Days Virtual Training on Scientific pig farming conducted by ICAR- NRC on Pig, Rani

The Training Cell, ICAR- National Research Centre on Pig in collaboration with the Dubli Farmer Producer Company (FPC), Udalguri, Assam has organized a 5-days virtual training programme on “Scientific pig farming as a means of livelihood security for tribal farmers of Udalguri District” during September 21-25, 2021. The programme was attended by 37 farmers from different villages of Udalguri district, BTR, Assam. A total of eighteen lectures on various aspects of pig production *viz.* Housing, feeding, breeding, reproduction and health management of pigs were delivered to the participants of the training programme. The various technologies developed by ICAR-NRC on Pig like Artificial Insemination in pigs, value addition of pork *etc.* were also explained elaborately for the benefits of the farmers.

Dr. Vivek Kumar Gupta, Director, ICAR-NRC on Pig emphasized on the importance of pig farming for socioeconomic development of North Eastern states. He also impressed upon the farmers to adopt the technologies and practices learnt in the training programme for improving production in pigs to make them self-reliant. He also motivated the participants to adopt scientific practices in bringing the piggery sector at commercial level. The training programme was coordinated by Dr. Rafiqul Islam, Principal Scientist (PS) and Dr. Sunil Kumar, Scientist from the Institute side and Mr. Amit Baglary, from Dubli FPC, Udalguri. Technical presentations, demonstrations and reply to their queries on various aspects of pig production and health were imparted by Scientists *viz.* Dr (s). Swaraj Rajkhowa, PS; S. Banik, PS; Keshab Barman, PS; R. Islam, PS; Seema Rani Pegu, Senior Scientist (SS), R. Thomas, SS; Juwar Doley, Souvik, Paul, Kalayan De, Sunil Kumar, Jaya, Satish Kumar, Ajay Kumar Yadav, Misha Madhavan, Salam Jayachitra Devi and Nitin M. Attupuram, Scientist. A lecture on routine farm operations at Pig Farm, NRCP was also delivered by Dr. Rajib Das. All the participants were very interactive and attentive during all the sessions of training programme. They were very enthusiastic and highly optimistic to apply the techniques and practices learnt during the five days training for increasing productivity in pigs.

