



A Day-Long Empowerment Program for Tribal Women Pig Farmers



4th October 2024, Kamrup: A day-long program on “Awareness Camp, Green Plantation and Input Distribution Programme for Tribal Women Empowerment” under institute TSP was organized at the Paat Gaon, Mataikhar, Kamrup on 4th October 2024. The awareness program was initiated by Dr. Seema R. Pegu, with motivational interaction with the women farmers. Dr. Pegu has emphasized the tribal sub-plan program of the institute, the role of women's involvement in fostering sustainable livestock practices, thereby contributing to their socio-economic development and improving pig husbandry in the region, followed by Dr. Jaya, highlighted the challenges posed by heat stress, particularly during the summer months when temperatures can rise significantly. To manage heat stress effectively, she emphasized the importance of providing shade, ensuring proper ventilation in housing facilities and offering clean, cool drinking water at all times. Interaction was continued with the scientist group from NRC on Pig; Dr Jayachitra shared innovative ideas on the application of drone technology in field conditions. She highlighted the potential of drones in transforming agricultural practices, especially in livestock management and monitoring followed by Dr Meera, on different varieties of pigs and effective breeding strategies. She highlighted the diverse genetic traits of various pig breeds, including indigenous and exotic varieties, and how these traits can influence productivity, adaptability and resilience to different environmental conditions. Different breeds of pigs, and other scientific breeding-related issues. A quiz session was also held among the woman farmers of Paat Gaon, Mataikhar to motivate and encourages them towards scientific pig farming. The winners were awarded with a mixer grinder, for the first prize, while the second winner received a milk can. An electric lamp was presented to the third winner. Additionally, top participants were recognized with consolation prizes, including gumboots, umbrellas, and mineral mixers, to celebrate their engagement and performance in the event. Awareness campaign featuring a display board on antimicrobial resistance and its impact on livestock farming and human health was also conducted for women farmers. In this programme, inputs such as 200 bags of 50 kg each of pig feed and 80 milk cans were distributed to 80 women ST woman pig farmers of Paat Gaon, Mataikhar, Kamrup District, Assam. This awareness campaign ended with the green plantation drive organized in collaboration with the woman farmers of Paat Gaon, Mataikhar, and Village. The program also participated by other women staff and research scholar of the institute and concluded with a vote of thanks to all participating women farmers and organizers and to interact again in future.

