

## ICAR- National Research Centre on Pig, Rani and ICAR- Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar organizes Skill Training for Progressive Pig farmers at KVK Goalpara, Assam under NEH Program

ICAR-National Research Centre on Pig, Rani, in collaboration with ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute Izatnagar, and KVK Goalpara, Assam, organized a skill training program on 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2025, under the NEH program. The training program, entitled “*Scientific Pig Rearing for Quality Piglet Production*”, aimed to enhance the knowledge and skills of progressive pig farmers in producing quality piglets. The program covered six key aspects: improved breeds, housing, feeding practices, breeding plans, major diseases, and biosecurity measures. Additionally, practical sessions focused on preparing disinfectant solutions, disinfecting pig sheds, and identifying healthy and sick animals. A total of 38 farmers and farm women from the village and neighboring areas participated in the two-day training held at the KVK, Goalpara, Assam.

Dr. S. K. Baishya, Principal Scientist and Head of KVK, highlighted the role of KVK and the significance of scientific pig production training. Dr. C. Jana, Principal Scientist and NEH Coordinator at ICAR-IVRI, emphasized the importance of such programs in improving farmers' skills in the livestock sector, particularly in quality piglet production. An interactive session was also conducted to address various issues, including sampling, disease diagnosis, biosecurity measures for African swine fever, piglet mortality, and abortion. The program was jointly coordinated by Dr. Chandrakanta Jana, Principal Scientist, ICAR-IVRI; Dr. Priyajoy Kar, Scientist, ICAR-NRC on Pig; and Dr. Hitu Chaudhury, SMS (Animal Science), ICAR-KVK Goalpara. Feedback was collected from the participating farmers, who expressed their gratitude to both the institutes for their vital initiatives supporting sustainable livelihoods in the North Eastern Region.



**Skill training at KVK Goalpara, Assam**



**Glimpses of training programme at KVK, Goalpara**