

## ICAR- National Research Centre on Pig organizes Farmers Field Day and Input distribution program for Small Holder Schedule Caste Pig Farmers of Baksa District, Assam

ICAR-National Research Centre on Pig, Guwahati has organized a Farmers Field Day and Input distribution program for smallholder schedule caste pig farmers at Chenigaon village of Baksa District on 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2024. In this programme, 128 scheduled caste (SC) pig farmers participated the Field Day cum input distribution program. During this program, pig farmers were educated on scientific pig farming practices. Lectures were delivered to enhance pig production by improving the farmers' scientific knowledge. Dr. Kalyan De, Senior Scientist (LPM), gave a lecture on biosecurity, housing, and management of pigs. Dr. Priyajoy Kar, Scientist (Agricultural Extension), informed the farmers about different marketing channels, procedures for higher profits, and related challenges and solutions. He also encouraged the farmers to focus on product processing and the preparation of value-added products. Dr. Souvik Paul, Senior Scientist (Veterinary Parasitology), advised the farmers on managing parasitic diseases, neonatal care, feeding, and pig vaccination. During this program, inputs such as 25 tonnes (500 bags of 50 kg each) of pig feed and 150 steel buckets were distributed to the SC pig farmers of Baksa district in Assam. The program concluded with a vote of thanks from Shri Golap Kailta, President of a local NGO. The farmers expressed their gratitude for this initiative and showed great interest in pursuing pig farming on a commercial scale.

### *Glimpses of the programme:*



