



ICAR- National Research Centre on Pig organizes Research-Extension-Farmer interface meeting and Input distribution programme for Schedule Caste Pig Farmers of Dhemaji District, Assam

In a significant boost to the livelihoods of Scheduled Caste (SC) pig farmers, the ICAR-National Research Centre on Pig (ICAR-NRCP), Guwahati, organized a Research-Extension-Farmer interface and input distribution programme at Silimpur, Gogamukh in Baksa District on October 1st, 2024. The programme organized under Scheduled Caste Sub Plan was graced by Mr. Paramananda Chayengia, Chief Executive Member of the Missing Autonomous Council and Shri Anamika Gogoi, ALRS, Circle Officer, Gogamukh representing the district administration. The success of the initiative was evident through the active participation from 380 scheduled caste (SC) pig farmers, who attended insightful lectures on advanced pig farming techniques delivered to enhance pig production by improving the farmers' scientific knowledge.

Dr. Kalyan De, Senior Scientist and in charge Scheduled Caste Sub Plan, emphasized the growing demand for pork and the profitability of pig farming, encouraging farmers to embrace entrepreneurship in the sector. He provided an overview of the ICAR-NRCP's mission, activities, and objectives under the Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP), highlighted the transformative pig farming landscape befitting marginalized communities. Dr. Juwar Doley, Senior Scientist, underscored the importance of biosecurity, vaccination, and disease prevention, guiding the farmers on maintaining scientific practices to ensure healthy livestock. Dr. Nitin Attupuram, Scientist, shared critical insights on breeding, feeding, reproduction management and value addition.

Pig feed, farm equipment's and biosecurity aids were distributed as an effort to support the pig farmers. A total of 50 tonnes of pig feed (1,000 bags of 50 kg each), 320 steel buckets, 300 pairs of gumboots and 20 umbrellas were distributed among the 380 SC farmers of Dhemaji district. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Anil Kumar Pegu, Veterinary Officer at the State Veterinary Dispensary, Gogamukh. The programme attracted significant public support and media coverage, highlighting the crucial and timely intervention by ICAR-NRC on Pig in providing essential support to pig farmers and boosting their livelihoods.

Glimpses of the programme:











Media coverage

