



ICAR- National Research Centre on Pig organizes Research-Extension-Farmers Interface Meeting and Input Distribution Program Organized for Small Holder Tribal Pig Farmers of Arunachal Pradesh

The ICAR-National Research Centre on Pig, Guwahati, organized a Research-Extension-Farmers Interface and Input Distribution Programme on November 19, 2024, for smallholder tribal pig farmers in the Lower Dibang Valley District of Arunachal Pradesh. The event was held in collaboration with the Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Lower Dibang Valley, Roing. Dr. Deepanjali Deori, Senior Scientist and Head of KVK, Roing, welcomed the participants and expressed her gratitude to Dr. Vivek Kumar Gupta, Director of ICAR-NRC on Pig, and his team for their efforts in supporting the district's pig farming community. She also emphasized the importance of continued collaboration with ICAR-NRC on Pig. The program's chief guest was Shri Mutchu Mithi, Honourable MLA of the 43rd Roing constituency and Advisor to the Home and Education Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, and the Guest of Honour was Shri Dature Muilli, a progressive farmer, graced the occasion. The event was also attended by Dr. Juwar Doley (Senior Scientist, Animal Biotechnology), Dr. Priyajoy Kar (Scientist, Agricultural Extension), and Dr. Anil Kumar Das (Technical Officer, ICAR-NRC on Pig). During the event, the scientists addressed challenges and opportunities in pig farming, encouraging participants to adopt scientific practices to foster self-entrepreneurship. They also outlined skill-oriented training programs available at ICAR-NRC on Pig. The interactive farmer-scientist sessions were highly engaging, with farmers showing keen interest in modern pig farming techniques. Shri Mutchu Mithi, Honourable MLA actively participated in the discussions, addressing regional challenges in pig farming. Representatives from NABARD, the State Veterinary Department, the State Agriculture Department, and other line departments also attended the program. Shri Mutchu Mithi extended his thanks to ICAR-NRC on Pig for organizing the initiative. As part of the program, 36 tons of pig feed were distributed to 180 tribal pig farmers in the region. The farmers expressed their gratitude and demonstrated enthusiasm for exploring commercial pig farming opportunities.

Glimpses of the program:

