

Capacity Building of Scheduled caste beneficiaries through Expert Lecture and Training at their door step in Sonarpur Block of West Bengal

Under Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) scheme, Eastern Regional Station (ERS) of ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Kolkata organized a 'Capacity Building Programme of Scheduled Caste beneficiaries' at their door step in Balarampur village of Sonarpur block in South 24 Paraganas of West Bengal on 12th of February, 2020.



A total of 22 beneficiaries belonging to scheduled caste community participated in the programme. Dr. G. K. Das, Principal Scientist from IVRI-ERS co-ordinated the programme and Dr. Ripan Biswas, Assistant Professor was present as an invited speaker from West Bengal University of Animal Sciences and Fisheries.

The main theme of the programme was to strengthen the knowledge, abilities and skill of the beneficiaries on scientific quail rearing through expert lecture and training so that they improve the practices and earn more from quail farming.



Expert delivering the lecture to the beneficiaries

Dr Ripan delivered lecture on various aspects of quail rearing including rearing and management, quail health and marketing quail. While delivering, he emphasized categorically many beneficial aspects of quail eggs and meat for human health in general with specific mention on child health and arthritis patients. He also made a marked mention on quail farming for quick and sustainable income in general and women empowerment in particular. Dr. Ripan emphasized about the utility of quail manure for fish farming.

As a part of practical training, the beneficiaries have been shown the process of identification of male and female quail in a flock and also sexing of birds by the examining the external genitalia. Both the above aspects remained questions since the distribution of the birds. The beneficiaries finally conveyed their happiness on the theory lecture delivered as well as practical aspects shown by the expert during the program.



Expert demonstrating various aspects of quail rearing during the practical session



Expert demonstrating sexing of quails based on the external features and genital system



Expert visiting individual beneficiary's door



Expert interacting with the beneficiary

