

KVK, West Garo Hills conducted Skill Training of Rural Youths (STRY) on “Goat Rearing and Management”

One six days skill training programme for rural youths was conducted by ICAR, KVK, West Garo Hills, Meghalaya on **“Goat Rearing and Management”** at KVK from 26th to 31st August 2019. Goats constitute an important species of livestock in rural India and contribute greatly to food, rural employment and Gross Domestic Product. Goat is known as poor man’s cow and can be profitably raised with low



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investment and hence suited to landless labourers and marginal farmers. Due to lack of education, goat owners are not able to appreciate and adopt improved goat husbandry practices and thus goat management has remained in a neglected state. With a small investment on housing, proper feeding and sound disease control programme the rural youths can profitably utilize their time and labour in goat industry and thus can help to generate employment. KVK, Tura conducted the training programme in association with State Agricultural Management & Extension Training Institute (SAMETI), Meghalaya and National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad for the rural youths of Garo Hills to make them capable to adopt goat rearing as income generating activity.

The training programme was inaugurated on 26th August 2019 in the gracious presence of Dr. Heliko K Marak, District Veterinary Officer, West Garo Hills, Meghalaya as chief guest.

Dr. David Bordoloi, Veterinary officer, A.H. & Vety. Dept., Assam and advisor, Integrated Goat Development Association, Assam was invited as resource person for the training programme. He covered all the important aspects of goat management for successful goat farming and shared his experiences with the participants about his works in Assam with the different goat farmers. Other classes including practical classes were taken by Dr. Sagarika Borah from KVK, WGH. Participants were exposed to the “Goat Demonstration Unit” of KVK, West Garo Hills for the practical classes. Valedictory function was held on 31st August 2019 in presence of Dr. J. Mahanta, SS & Head (I/c), KVK and certificates were distributed among the participants.



Participants of STRY Programme with resource persons



Lectures delivered by Dr. David Bordoloi & Dr. Sagarika Borah



**Exposure visit to Goatery unit, KVK,
West Garo Hills**



Participants with their certificates