

ICAR, Tripura Centre celebrated 'Livestock Farming and Livestock Disease Awareness Day 2014'

ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Tripura Centre celebrated 'Livestock farming and Livestock Disease Awareness Day 2014' on 17th February, 2014 at Berimura, Bamutia Panchayat (West Tripura) with joint collaboration of Animal Resource Development Department (ARDD), Govt. of Tripura. The whole programme has been sponsored by National Institute of Veterinary Epidemiology & Disease Informatics (NIVEDI), Bengaluru, Karnataka. In the programme, more than 250 farmers, village level veterinary development officers, subject matter specialist of KVKs, NGOs, local social workers and ICAR scientists from different states including Tripura actively participated. The programme was inaugurated by Shri Aghore Debbarma, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Animal Resources, Govt. of Tripura. Dr. M. Datta, Joint Director, ICAR Tripura Centre welcomed the dignitaries, experts and participants. He remarked the need and importance of the programme for the region. Besides Hon'ble Minister, the inaugural session was graced by Shri Haricharan Sarkar, Hon'ble MLA, Bamutia Constituency as Guest of Honour. Shri H. Das, Vice-President, (Bamutia Gram Panchayat Samiti), Dr. P.P. Sengupta, Principal Scientist (NIVEDI), Dr. R. Saha, Assistant Director (ARDD), Dr. A. Sen, Principal Scientist (ICAR-NEH, Umiam, Meghalaya), Dr.S. Bandopadhyay, Principal Scientist (IVRI, Kolkatta Centre) and Dr. Kamal Chakroborty, Assistant Director (ARDD). Dr. P.P. Sengupta, Principal Scientist (NIVEDI) informed the national level possibilities of livestock disease web-based forecasting and preventive approaches. Hon'ble MLA, Shri H. Sarkar revealed the local issue on livestock farming and the facility availability issues. The Hon'ble Minister Shri Aghore Debbarma stated the role of animal husbandry in rural livelihood development and thus the importance of prevention of for animal diseases in Tripura state. He appreciated ICAR a huge for organizing such type mega animal disease awareness programme. The programme was organized by Dr. A. Haldar, Senior Scientist, ICAR Tripura Centre. The inaugural session ended with the vote of thanks by Dr. R. Saha. In the technical session, experts came from NIVEDI (Karnataka), ICAR-NEH (Meghalaya), IVRI (Kolkatta), ICAR (Tripura) and Tripura ARDD discussed on animal farming and animal diseases at length. The programme has created a massive enthusiasm and interest among the livestock farmers in the locality. Animal Health Camp took place on the 18th February, 2014.



Figure.- Shri Aghore Debbarma, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Animal Resources, Govt. of Tripura inaugurating the programme.