

VANARAJA CHICK DISTRIBUTION CUM TRAINING PROGRAMME

organised by ICAR Sikkim Centre under Poultry Seed Project

The ICAR Sikkim Centre is playing very crucial role in improvement of livelihood and nutritional security of rural masses through propagation and popularisation of backyard poultry farming with scientific input. In this mission, ICAR Sikkim Centre produced Vanaraja chicks and was distributed among the farmer's Self Help Group under Poultry Seed Project. To achieve the target of livelihood and nutritional security of the people of Sikkim, ICAR Sikkim Centre working in mission mode and organised chick distribution cum training programme at Sajong village, East Sikkim on 29th March 2014. More than 90 farmers representing nine different self help groups attended the program and showed keen interest in learning of backyard poultry farming with scientific orientation as suggested by ICAR Scientists.

Inaugurating the chick distribution cum training programme, Dr. R. K. Avasthe, Joint Director, ICAR Research Complex, Sikkim Centre have distributed 1,400 Vanaraja chicks along with some essential medicines among the farmers and further he assured that our scientific team will regularly visit and render periodic scientific backup. He showed the concern over chick mortality under back yard condition and suggested few tips to reduce it. Further, he also highlighted the importance of backyard poultry farming in terms of income and nutritional security; apart from this farmer's can also enrich arable lands with poultry manure to boost farm production.

Guest of Honour of the program, Shri Karma Bhutia, Coordinator 'Krishi Samridhi NGO', appreciated the efforts of ICAR Sikkim centre and also exhorted the farmers to prevent chick's mortality because of negligence which would be intolerable and promised to make it a successful venture in Sajong village too.

Highlighting the importance of 'integrated farming', Dr. Raghavendra Singh, I/C Programme Coordinator, KVK, ICAR Sikkim Centre, Ranipool, East Sikkim pointed out that in this farming system waste of one system will act as an input for other system.

Dr. Brijesh Kumar, Scientist (Animal Reproduction), highlighted the details of scientific backyard poultry farming and also discussed the techniques to reduce chick mortality, vaccination and self propagation of flocks and also emphasised the role of poultry manure in soil health.



Dr. M. Rana, JRF, detailed the different medicine used in poultry, their dosage and indications.

Dr Ashis Yadav and Dr S Babu also expressed their view

Mr. Boniface Lepcha, Program Assistant and Dr Johnson Singh, SMS, KVK, Ranipool coordinated the event and Dr Janak Singh, SMS, KVK Ranipool proposed the vote of thanks.

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