

## ICAR-NOFRI AND ICAR-NDRI CONDUCTED ANIMAL HEALTH CAMP AND VANARAJA POULTRY DISTRIBUTION

Animal health camp and training on vaccination of vanaraja poultry-cum-chicks distribution programme was organized jointly for scientific dairy and poultry development on March 18, 2017 in two villages of Sikkim namely Ralep and Nandok of East Sikkim by ICAR – National Organic Farming Research Institute, Tadong, Gangtok – 737 102 (Sikkim) in collaboration with National Dairy Research Institute, ERS, Kalyani, Nadiya, W.B under the guidance and leadership of Dr. R. K. Avasthe, Joint Director, ICAR-NOFRI and Dr. T. K. Dutta, Head, ICAR-NDRI, ERS, Kalyani. The major inputs like cattle feeds, mineral plus vitamin mixtures and essential medicines were arranged under NEH project of ICAR-NDRI, ERS, Kalyani, Nadiya, W.B and Vanaraja chicks and vaccines for the programme were arranged under the Poultry Seed Project of ICAR-NOFRI, Sikkim. More than hundred farmers benefitted by the programmes in Ralep and Nandok villages of East Sikkim.



### **Animal health camp and vaccination of Vanaraja poultry-cum- chicks distribution programme at village Ralep, East Sikkim:**

The programme was conducted at Village Ralep, East Sikkim on March 18, 2017 from 10.00AM to 1.00 PM. At the outset, Dr. Rafiqul Islam, Senior Scientist, ICAR-NOFRI and Coordinator of the program welcomed the Scientists from NDRI ERS, Kalyani, Nadia, WB. Dr. Islam highlighted the importance of the deworming, feeding



balanced feed and mineral plus vitamin mixtures to the dairy animals for optimizing

and maximising productive and reproductive performance. Dr. Champak Bhakat detailed about the prevention and treatment of mastitis in dairy animals. He also elaborated the participants about their current visit to Sikkim in connection with the training-cum awareness programme as well as distribution of various inputs like cattle feed, feed supplements and essential medicines for dairy animals. Demonstration and hands on training on vaccination of Vanaraja chicks was given to the farmers of Ralep by Dr. Rafiqul Islam. Later Vanaraja chicks were distributed to the tribal farmers of Ralep. After that an interactive session was held between Scientist and dairy farmers of village Ralep, East Sikkim. The farmers were educated by the scientists of ICAR-NOFRI and ICAR-NDRI, ERS, Kalyani and elaborated about the importance of deworming and concentrate feed and supplementation of mineral plus vitamins to the livestock and poultry. The farmers have actively participated during the interaction. The problem of long post-partum anoestrus period in the dairy cows at Ralep was highlighted by many farmers. The scientists of both the organizations addressed their queries and advised to the farmers for periodic deworming and providing balanced concentrate feeds and mineral plus vitamins. Later, the cattle and goats presented by the farmers for treatment at the camp were attended by Dr. Champak Bhakat, Dr. Anupam Chetterjee, Dr. Rafiqul Islam and Dr. P.K.





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**Animal health camp and awareness programme on dairy farming and inputs distribution programme at village Nandok, East Sikkim:**

The programme was conducted at Village Nandok, East Sikkim on March 18, 2017 from 2.45PM onwards. At the outset, Dr. Rafiqul Islam, Senior Scientist, ICAR-NOFRI and Coordinator of the program welcomed and introduced all the scientists of the team from two organizations to the dairy farmers of Nandok, East Sikkim. Interaction between the Scientists and dairy farmers was held on various issues like low milk yield, long inter-calving period, calf mortality, conception failure *etc.* The scientists' team have



addressed their issues and advised the farmers for scientific management of dairy animals with the feeding of balanced concentrate feed in sufficient quantities along with feed supplements, prevent the animals from various diseases with the effective use of medicines, vaccinations and maintaining proper hygienic measures in the dairy farms. At the end inputs like cattle feed, mineral plus vitamin mixtures and essential medicines in sufficient quantities were distributed to the farmers of Nandok, East Sikkim. Mr. Nim Tsering Lepcha, a progressive farmer of Nandok villages offered heartiest thanks to the team of Scientists from ICAR-NOFRI, Sikkim and ICAR-NDRI, ERS, Kalyani, West Bengal for extending their whole hearted support and advice to the farmers of Nandok village for strengthening dairy farms.

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