

Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) on Scientific Pig Production Practices and Value Addition of Pork

Agri-Business Incubation Centre of ICAR-National Research Centre on Pig has organized a one day “Entrepreneurship development programme (EDP) on scientific pig production practices and value addition of pork” on 10th November, 2020. The training programme was envisaged to impart knowledge and skills pertaining to scientific pig production as well as value addition of pork to the prospective entrepreneurs. The programme was attended by 13 prospective entrepreneurs from Assam, Karnataka, Tripura and Uttar Pradesh. During the training, relevant topics pertinent to commercial pig farming and pork processing were covered in detail by the scientific personnel of ICAR-NRC on Pig. The areas covered under the training programme were: Good management practices to be followed in pig farms; Basic criteria for selection of breed/ varieties/ strain and breeding strategies for profitable pig farming; Principles of feeding of different categories of pigs and appropriate strategy for use of conventional as well as non-conventional feed stuffs for pig feeding; Record keeping in farm and housing requirements for pig farms; Process of collection, processing and evaluation of Boar semen for Artificial Insemination in pigs; Common bacterial, viral and parasitic diseases of pigs and their management; Bio-security aspects and the preparedness required to tackle the challenges with respect to new and emerging diseases associated with pigs; Hygienic pig slaughter operations and value addition of pork and Addressing specific technological challenges faced by Entrepreneur start-ups in the pork value chain. Trainees have actively participated in the discussion and expressed their satisfaction over the different aspects covered in the training programme. Dr. R. Thomas, Senior Scientist and PI, ABI and Shri.TapajyotiChoudhury, YP-II, ABI have coordinated the training programme.

