

## Training on ‘Artificial Insemination in Pig’ organized by ICAR- NRC on Pig, Rani for Farmers’ of Meghalaya

Pig farming plays a pivotal role in uplifting the socio-economic status of rural masses especially the tribal farmers of North Eastern States for whom pig rearing is a way of living and livelihood. ICAR-NRC on Pig has been popularizing Artificial Insemination (AI) in pigs as a means of rapid spread of superior germplasm to the needy pig farmers of the country particularly in NE States. The 3 day residential training programme was organized during 06-08<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 at the Institute. The training was conducted under Biotech –KISAN Project in collaboration with ICAR- Research Complex for NEH Region Umiam, Meghalaya-793 103

A total of 6 Pig farmers from different districts of Meghalaya participated in the training. Under the programme, hands on training were imparted on scientific pig production with special emphasis on AI in pigs. Trainees were exposed to different aspects of AI such as selection of breeding boar, training of boar for semen collection, semen collection and transportation of semen. They were also trained on performing AI using liquid boar semen. Apart from AI, the trainees were also exposed to housing, biosecurity measures, collection of samples and record keeping which are required for the pig breeding farms. Minimal A.I. kits were provided to each farmer. Dr. S. Rajkhowa, Director (Acting), ICAR-NRC on Pig has also emphasized on the importance of A.I. in pigs for rapid dissemination of superior germplasm for quick expansion of commercial piggery.



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