

## **Training program on ‘Scientific Pig Farming’ organized in collaboration with Meghalaya Institute of Entrepreneurship**

A five day’s training program on “Scientific Pig Farming” was organized successfully from 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2016. The programme was sponsored by Meghalaya institute of Entrepreneurship (MIE), Shillong. This programme was the second in the series of six training programmes to be funded by MIE during the year 2016. Eleven participants from Tura and Shillong, Meghalaya viz. Mr. Lyngdoh C Marak, Mr. Tenang A Sangma, Mr. Modern M Sangma, Mr. Barwith H Momin, Ms. Immaculata G Marak, Mr. Rithynonai Swer and Ms. Nagsan Kupor War, Dr. Apborlang M Umlone, Ms. Lita Pohlong, Mr. Komen Pothmi and Shri. Joplin Pothmi were participated in the program. The trainees were promising pig farmers and the training has provided exposure to participants on basics of selection of breed/varieties/strain and breeding strategies for profitable pig farming, principles of swine feeding, feeding of different categories of pigs and use of non-conventional feed stuffs for swine feeding, care and management of different categories of pigs, exposure to semen lab, semen collection, processing and evaluation of boar semen for Artificial Insemination, housing requirement for scientific pig farming, common diseases of pigs and their management including vaccination schedule, farm cleaning, disinfection, routine farm operation practices, castration and needle teeth clipping of piglets and different methods of administration of medicines in pig, and demonstration of formulation of feeds for different categories of pigs. Training has also imparted information on value addition and further processing of pork and the avenues available in the utilization of different by-products arising out of pig slaughter operations. Exposure visits were made to four small/medium scale commercial pig farms located in Gosaigaon, Rani Block and Chaygaon, Guwahati. Valedictory ceremony of the training was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2016 at the Committee room of the institute. Dr. Dilip Kumar Sarma, Director has distributed the certificates to the participants. Trainees expressed happiness over the content and organization of the program. They expressed eagerness to implement scientific pig production practices in their respective units.

