

Training and Livestock Input Distribution Programme

Krishi Vigyan Kendra, West Khasi Hills District in collaboration with ICAR-National Meat Research Institute, Hyderabad had organized a **“One Day Training and Livestock Input Distribution Programme for Tribal Livestock Farmers”** on 16th March, 2023 at the office of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, West Khasi Hills, Nongshillong. A total of 27 farmers from 14 villages had participated for the training programme in the presence of two Senior Scientists from ICAR- NRC Hyderabad and ICAR RC NEH, Umiam. In his speech Dr. G Kandeepan, Senior Scientist, NRC on Meat, Hyderabad mentioned that research activities that are carried out at ICAR institutes are ultimately transferred to the farmers’ field (who are the main stakeholders), as he believes that farmers help science grow, as such funds are allocated to potential areas and also to aspirational districts for livelihood upliftment and improvement. He advised every farmer beneficiary to take proper care of the poultry birds distributed at the event. Awareness and interaction sessions were carried out among the farmers and scientists regarding various aspects of poultry farming. Finally, he expressed his appreciation to KVK office, its staff and all the participants of the programme and articulated his close sentiments to hill farmers from his past working experience. During his keynote address & lecture, Dr. Samir Das cited his earlier experience when week old younger poultry chicks were distributed as inputs often resulting in high mortality, hence a month-old poultry chicks are being distributed to ensure low mortality. Dr. Samir Das concluded that the main intention of such a programme is the proper spread of good technologies for improving livelihoods and the breeds are selected as per local climatic conditions. The input distribution included Rainbow Rooster chicks, drinker and feeder, multivitamins and poultry feed among the selected beneficiaries.

