

Farmers' Training Programme

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Scientific Goat and Poultry rearing practices

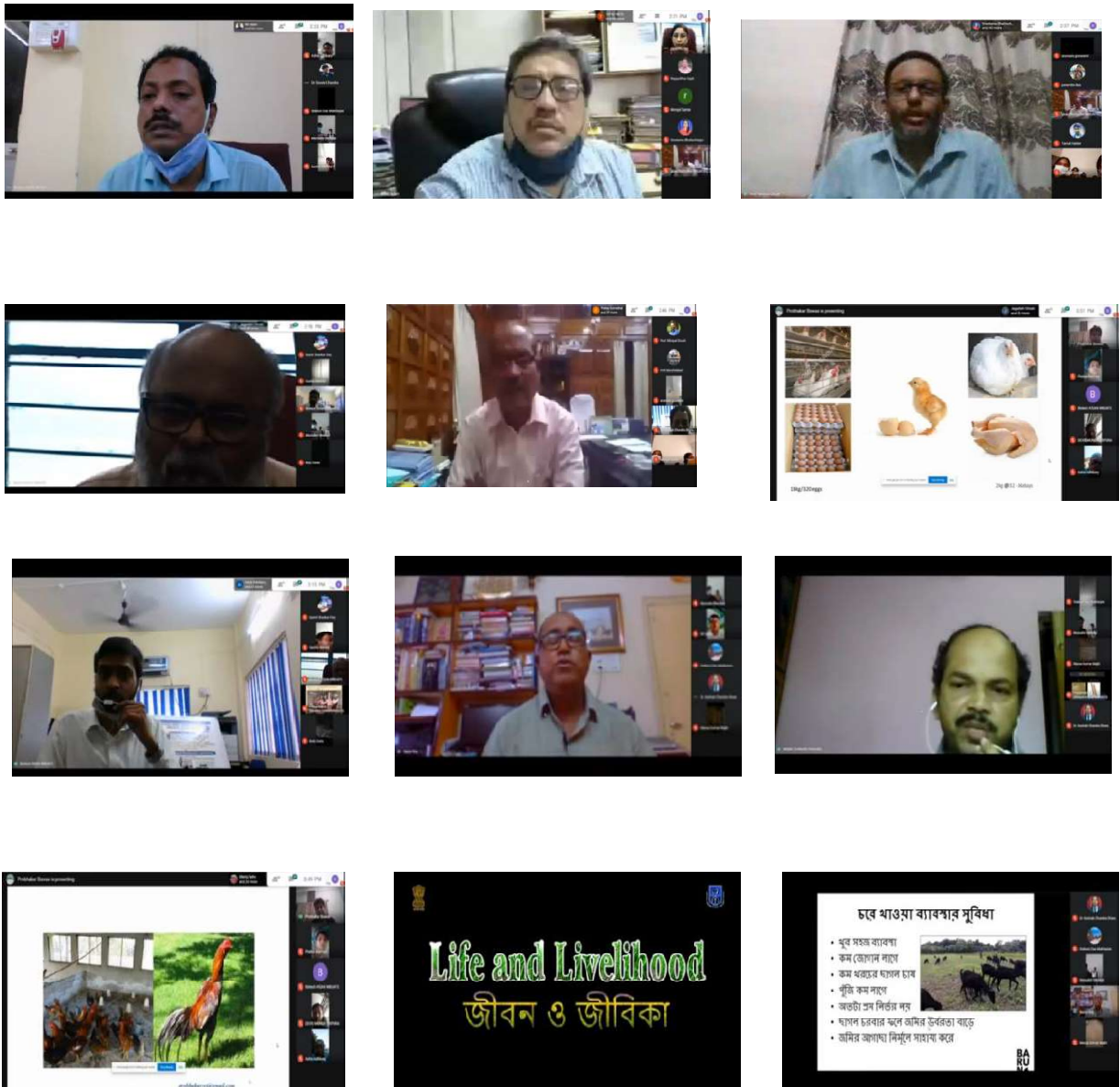
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DBT, Govt. of India Mission Mode programme, Biotech KISAN Hub, WBUAFS has completed another step for betterment of farming community by completing a successful three days farmers' training programme from 17th August to 19th August, 2020, with small and marginal farmers of Aspirational districts of West Bengal (Maldah, Murshidabad, Nadia, Birbhum and Dakshin Dinajpur) through online mode. In this Covid-19 pandemic situation, the livestock farmers of whole world as well as West Bengal also suffers a lot due to lack of proper guidance for rearing animals. Biotech KISAN Hub reaches to them by online mode to solve their problem and also introduced those with modern farming techniques through the knowledge of the renowned experts of the University. A total 255 farmers have been trained and out of them 252 farmers were from West Bengal and 3 from neighbouring state Tripura. In those 252 farmers from West Bengal 196 from aspirational districts (Birbhum- 20, Dakshin Dinajpur- 54, Malda- 8, Murshidabad- 100 and Nadia- 14), 15 from Sundarban area (North 24 pgs- 4 and South 24 pgs- 11) and 41 farmers from others districts of West Bengal.

At the onset, Prof. Arunasis Goswami, Director of Research, Extension and Farms, WBUAFS has welcomed all the dignitaries and farmers in the Web platform and urged that such programme need to be conducted frequent mode for betterment of farmers who are providing bread and butter for us even in distressed situation. This training programme has been inaugurated by Prof. Chanchal Guha, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, WBUAFS and he expressed his high level of satisfaction about such activities. He appraised the endeavour to bring a considerable number of migrant labour (those have lost their job due to COVID 19 pandemic) in the training programme which will help them by effective entrepreneurship development through improved Animal Husbandry practices. During the address of the chief guest, Dr. Mohd. Aslam, Advisor (Scientist 'G'), DBT Govt of India has told that, the Biotech KISAN hub at WBUAFS has done a tremendous job to bring the smile of small marginal women farmer which has been duly acknowledged by Programme Steering and Monitoring Committee (PSMC) under the Biotech-Krishi Innovation Science Application Network (Biotech-KISAN). He also reported that the activities of Biotech KISAN Hub have been monitored by PMO and NITI Ayog in monthly basis and due priority has been provided. He also promised to organise a live meeting between farmers of Biotech KISAN Hub and Honourable Minister of Science and Technology, Govt. of India through online. Dr. Mohd. Aslam also released a documentary film entitled "Life and Livelihood", based on two years' success story of Biotech KISAN Hub at WBUAFS. Prof. Nilotpal Ghosh, Dean, F/O Vety. and Anim. Scs., WBUAFS informed that such web based farmers' programme is probably first in the state even in the country and he praised the work done by the personnel attached to this programme. Dr. K C Dhara, Asstt. Director of Farms and Principal Investigator of the Project give formal vote thanks and assured that the team Biotech KISAN Hub will duty bound about reach to the unreached farmers of the state.

During this training programme respected speakers, Dr. Santanu Bera, Dr. Probhakar Biswas, Dr. B.K Biswas, Dr. Manik Pakhira, Dr. Sanjay Dutta, Prof. Arunasis Goswami, Prof. Barun Roy, Dr. Sourav Chandra, Dr. Sudip Das, Dr. N.J. Moitra delivered their speech and try to solve the

problems of trainees. At the end of the training, the farmers have expressed their happiness and submitted feedback form about their experience of 3 days training programme. The Project employee of Biotech KISAN Hub, Mrs. Shilpa Ghosh, Dr. Paramita Dasgupta, Ms. Abhirupa Dey, Mrs. Sayantani Bose, Mr. Asim Kumar Giri, Mrs. Sreetama Bhattacharjee, Mr. Suprova Roy, Mr. Biman Sarkar, Mr. Kaustav Poddar, Mrs. Rittika Chatterjee and Mr. Mursalin Mondal under the leadership of Co PI of project Dr. S S Kesh and Dr. Uttam Roy have done their all out effort to make this training programme a successful one.



Some photographs of training from 17th August to 19th August, 2020.