

Meeting on National Technical and Implementation Committee (NTIC) on "Pig Development Plan for North East"

An interaction meeting of National Technical and Implementation Committee (NTIC) on "Pig Development Plan for North East" was organized at ICAR-National Research Centre on Pig, Rani, Guwahati in collaboration with the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India on 11th September, 2018. The meeting was attended by representatives of animal husbandry departments of all the north eastern states and Punjab.

Delivering his inaugural speech, the Director of the Institute, Dr. S. Rajkhowa explained the genesis of Innovative Pig Development Project for Northeast (IPDNE) and its significance for the country. He also mentioned the demand-supply gap of pork in the northeastern region in specific and country as a whole. He explained the need of good pig germplasm for the farmers.

Dean, College of Veterinary Sciences, Assam Agricultural University, Dr. Bibeka N Saikia explained the increasing interest of farmers and entrepreneurs about piggery which requires good breeding animals. The representatives of different states deliberated on the status of state-specific pig breeding policies.

In his deliberation, Joint Commissioner, DADF, Dr. P. Blahwar detailed the scope of importing live pigs from different countries. The meeting finalized the import of exotic pig germplasm from reputed sources as recommended in the pig breeding policies of the respective states. The programme ended with vote of thanks by Dr. Santanu Banik, Principal Scientist of the institute.

