

Press release from the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services (AH&VS), Gyalshing
AH&VS Deptt Gyalshing Organises Sensitization Programme on Implementation of Pig Production Incentive Scheme (PPIS)
Gyalshing, March 31: A sensitization programme on the implementation of Pig Production Incentive Scheme (PPIS) was successfully conducted on 30th–31st March 2026 in District Veterinary Hospital, Gyalshing District for the financial year 2025–26, in accordance with the approved Government guidelines. The scheme aims to promote pig farming, enhance pork production, and strengthen the livelihood of rural farmers. Eligible beneficiaries were identified following thorough verification of their piggery farms.

A two-day meeting was organised for beneficiaries from 04/Gayzing-Bermiok and 02/Yangthang constituencies.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Dr Sumnima Rai, followed by an overview of the programme delivered by Dr Joshbina Thapa. During the session, farmers were sensitized on various aspects of the PPIS, including eligibility criteria, benefits, and responsibilities.

Additionally, awareness was created regarding livestock insurance under the National Livestock Mission (NLM) for pigs as well as small ruminants such as sheep and goats. Farmers were encouraged to insure their livestock under the subsidized insurance scheme implemented by the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services (AH&VS), Government of Sikkim. The scheme provides insurance coverage with subsidies of up to 80% for BPL/SC/ST farmers and 20% for APL farmers for durations of one to three years, thereby ensuring effective risk management of productive livestock.

The importance of regular vaccination and timely deworming was emphasized to prevent disease outbreaks and improve productivity. Farmers were further advised to adopt scientific piggery farming practices for sustainable and profitable livestock management.

On the second day, Mr BB Limboo Additional Director-cum-District Head, Gyalshing District graced the programme and addressed the gathering. He encouraged farmers to continue adopting scientific farming practices and to motivate the younger generation to actively participate in agriculture and allied sectors. He also advised the beneficiaries to utilize the incentive amount effectively for upgrading their farms with improved and high-quality pig breeds.

A total of 92 beneficiaries were covered under the scheme in the district. Confirmation letters were formally handed over to the beneficiaries by the Additional Director-cum-District Head. The incentive amount will be transferred directly to the beneficiaries' bank accounts through DBT (Direct Bank Transfer) upon completion of all necessary formalities, as per the approved list.

This initiative reflects the dedicated efforts of the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services (AH&VS) and the State Government in strengthening rural livelihoods and promoting sustainable agricultural development. The scheme aims to empower farmers, enhance income generation, encourage self-reliance, and support the expansion of scientific pig farming practices.

Beneficiaries were advised to utilize the financial assistance judiciously and to adhere strictly to the prescribed guidelines for long-term sustainability and success.