Press release from the Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department, Gyalshing District

REPORT ON AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON SCIENTIFIC LIVESTOCK FARMING AND VARIOUS DEPARTMENTAL SCHEMES

Organised by: Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services (AH&VS) Department, Government of Sikkim, in collaboration with ICAR–National Research Centre on Equines (NRCE), Hisar, Haryana.

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Venue: Hee-Tamabung, under 24-Hee Gram Panchayat Unit (GPU), Gyalshing District.

The Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services (AH&VS) Department, Government of Sikkim, in collaboration with ICAR–National Research Centre on Equines (NRCE), Hisar, Haryana, successfully organised an Awareness Programme on Scientific Livestock Farming and Various Departmental Schemes on 23rd November 2026 at Hee-Tamabung, under 24-Hee Gram Panchayat Unit (GPU), Gyalshing District.

The main objective of the programme was to create awareness among farmers about scientific livestock farming practices, proper feeding and breeding management, animal health care and various schemes and services provided by the department.

The programme was attended by Shri B.B. Limboo, Additional Director-cum-Head of Office (HOO), Gyalshing District; Dr. Roshan Pirthawar, Deputy Director; Dr. Joshbina Thapa, Veterinary Officer, DVH Gyalshing; Dr. Norleen P. Lepcha, Veterinary Officer, SDVH Dentam; Dr. Noor Saknim Lepcha, Veterinary Officer, Uttarey; Ward Panchayat representatives Shri Som Lal Limboo and Shri Prakash Basnett (ALI); Muna Hangma Limboo (LA); Nisha Subba; and local livestock farmers and beneficiaries.

The programme began with a welcome address, followed by technical sessions conducted by the veterinary officers and departmental experts.

Dr. Norleen P. Lepcha delivered a session on scientific livestock farming. She explained the importance of proper animal housing, cleanliness, breeding and general farm management. She also highlighted the need to maintain breeding records, identify animals in heat on time and follow proper breeding practices for better reproductive performance.

Dr. Noor Saknim Lepcha spoke about livestock health management, vaccination, deworming, common animal diseases and timely treatment. She also explained the importance of registering livestock on the Bharat Pashudhan online portal.

Farmers were advised to regularly observe their animals for any signs of illness, keep sick animals separate and contact the nearest veterinary institution for timely treatment.

Dr. Roshan Pirthawar, Deputy Director, spoke about balanced nutrition and proper feeding of livestock at different stages of growth and production.

He explained the importance of providing a balanced diet containing energy, protein, minerals and vitamins, along with clean drinking water. He also encouraged farmers to grow green fodder, conserve surplus fodder through hay and silage making, and make proper use of locally available feed resources to reduce feeding costs.

Dr. Joshbina Thapa provided information about various schemes and services available under the Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services Department, Government of Sikkim. She explained the benefits of these schemes and encouraged farmers to make use of the facilities provided by the department. She also advised them to contact their nearest veterinary institution for information regarding eligibility and application procedures.

Addressing the gathering, Shri B.B. Limboo, Additional Director-cum-HOO, Gyalshing District, appreciated the participation of the local farmers and encouraged them to continue livestock farming by adopting scientific and improved practices.

He also urged farmers to extend their cooperation to departmental staff during livestock and poultry enumeration surveys and provide accurate information to facilitate proper data collection and effective implementation of departmental programmes.

He emphasised that farmers should make proper use of the schemes and facilities provided by the department for their own benefit and the welfare of their livestock.

Shri Som Lal Limboo, Ward Panchayat representative, expressed his gratitude to the AH&VS Department, Gyalshing District, for organising such an awareness programme in his ward for the first time.

He thanked the department for providing useful information about livestock farming and various departmental schemes. He also expressed his hope that similar programmes would be organised in the future for the benefit of farmers, especially those living in remote areas.

As part of the programme, 9 milk cans, consisting of 3 cans of 5-litre capacity and 6 cans of 10-litre capacity, along with 6 feeding bowls, were distributed to progressive farmers with high milk production.

Mineral mixtures, ointments, liquid calcium supplements and anti-tick drops were also distributed among the beneficiaries to support better animal health, growth and productivity.

A total of 42 beneficiaries attended the programme, showing active participation and interest in the different sessions.

Overall, the programme was successfully conducted with good participation from the local farming community. The farmers gained useful knowledge about scientific livestock farming, proper feeding and breeding practices, animal healthcare and various departmental schemes.

The programme also highlighted the importance of strengthening coordination between the department and the farming community to promote sustainable livestock development and improve the socio-economic conditions of rural farmers.

The initiative reflects the continued commitment of the Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services Department, Government of Sikkim, towards extending veterinary services, technical guidance and awareness of government schemes to farmers, particularly those residing in remote and rural areas of Gyalshing District.