

Skill Development Programme on Backyard Poultry Organized by ICAR-NAARM

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To enhance the livelihood through income generation by having a self-employment activity to farmers. ICAR-NAARM organized five days Skill Development training programme on “Backyard Poultry” under SCSP in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), TANUVAS Namakkal, Tamil Nadu for SC farmers from 27- 31st December 2022. 40 Scheduled Caste farmers from Naraikinaru, Thoosur, Muttanchetti, Pillipakuttai and muthugapatti villages of Namakkal district, Tamil Nadu participated in the programme. The farmers participated actively in all sessions of the program and were educated on various aspects of backyard poultry rearing. The participants were gained both theoretical & practical experience on Poultry Management in the backyards, Diseases commonly observed in Poultry and their management. To start the Backyard Poultry Farming by the trainees to each trainee 20 Aseel chicks (one months old) and feeder were distributed.

Dr. Ch.Srinivasa Rao Director, National Academy of Agricultural Research Management in the inaugural address stated that introducing improved backyard poultry varieties, as well as scientific skill development for farmers in feeding, housing, disease prevention and management, will increase rural farmers' income and living standards and distributed poultry kits to farmers.

Dr. M.Selvaraju, Dean, Veterinary College and Research Institute, Namakkal enlightened the trainees towards adopting the Backyard Poultry Farming successfully as an income generation activity. Dr. V.Apparao Director of Extension Education, TANUVAS, Chennai offered presidential address, in his address highlighted that the backyard poultry farming can boost up family income as it involves low cost investment but gives higher economic returns.

During inaugural function Dr. S.Alagudurai, Associate Professor & Head, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Namakkal welcomed the delegates. Dr. M.Balakrishnan, Principal Scientist, National Academy of Agricultural Research Management, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad briefed about the importance of the training programme.

In the valedictory program, Aseel chicks and feeder were distributed to the participants. Dr.N.Muthusamy, Assistant Professor (Animal Science), Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Namakkal proposed vote of thanks. (Dr. M Balakrishnan, Principal Scientist, ICAR-NAARM & Dr.N.Muthusamy, Assistant Professor (Animal Science), Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Namakkal, coordinated the program).

