

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY-ENHANCEMENT OF ANIMAL PRODUCTIVITY IN A & N ISLANDS

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The Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services has laid emphasis on the inclusive development in the Animal Husbandry Sector in these islands through improvement of local germplasm by cross breeding programmes, increasing the availability of feed and fodder, blanket health coverage disease control and transfer of techniques to farmers for adopting the latest Animal Husbandry Practices. In recent days this sector has evolved as a major self employment generation avenue.

During the period by the intensive AI Campaign organized a total of 4203 Nos. of AI were done, and 1718 Nos. of crossbred calves born. 251 Nos. of Veterinary camps were conducted. To increase the availability of green fodder 81 Nos. of fodder plot were laid in the farmers field and Stem cuttings, Rooted Slips and Slips were distributed (i.e. 88500, 6600 and 92550 respectively). 2 Nos. of minikits were distributed to the farmers. Total production of green fodder is 179.388 tones, green fodder supplied to Dairy Training-cum-Demonstration farms, LFC Dollygunj for consumption of cattle is 173.341 tones, for consumption of goat farm is 5.232 Tones. Green fodder supplied to farmers/General public is 0.815 tones. The milk production has increased from 23995 Mt during 2009-10 to 25168 mt during 2010-11. Simultaneously the egg production has increased from 698.114 lakh Nos. to 699.166 lakh Nos. During the period 97515 Nos. of Vanaraja birds/Chicks were distributed for breeding purpose. With the increasing popularity of pig husbandry in these islands, a total of 120 Nos. of piglets were distributed to the farmers for breeding purpose.



To tap the potential of goat husbandry in these islands and to encourage the farmers, 35 Nos. of Malabari goat have been procured from mainland for upgrading the indigenous goat through cross breeding under RKVY. A total of 21 Nos. breeding bucks have been distributed to the villagers under RKVY during this period. Apart from RKVY, a total of 60 Nos of malabari kids were distributed through the departmental farm during the period.



Also under RKVY 71 Nos. of Large White Yorkshire piglets were procured from mainland for breeding purpose. Through the network of Veterinary Institutions and departmental farms a total of 3700 Nos. of Khakhi Campbell duckling were distributed. A total of 398835 Nos. of poultry vaccination conducted. The XI round of FMD Vaccination programme was taken up during which 30693 Nos. of vaccination were performed. Regular birth control programmes are taken up to curb the increase in the population of stray dog.

Extension is one of the important field on which this department is concentrating. So far 100 Nos. of training programmes have been conducted and 2100 Nos. of farmers benefited. 10 Nos. of Progressive farmers of these islands had been taken to mainland for better exposure in the field of Agriculture activities.



Further under RKVY, a new hatchery unit has been established at Kadamtala and one more is yet to come up at Kamorta in few days. The composite Livestock Farms at Little Andaman and Kamorta will start to function in a full-fledged manner within a short span of time. Also steps have been initiated to procure 100 Heifers every year for strengthening of departmental farms and for distribution to the farmers.
