

**Assistance for animal farming in Santirbazar under Forest Rights Act**

Under the financial year 2021-22, Animal Resources Development Department under Santirbazar Sub-Division has provided financial assistance of 7 thousand rupees each to 40 selected beneficiaries for pig breeding under Forest Right Act (FRA). The beneficiaries are forest patta holders in Jolaibari and Bokafa RD Block. According to ARDD officials, the department has so far incurred an amount of 2 lakh 80 thousand to implement the project under Forest Right Act in both the blocks at the cost of 1 lakh 40 thousand each from both the blocks. Meanwhile, under the financial year 2021-22, ARDD has taken up backyard poultry farming schemes with the financial assistance of SC Welfare department for the identified beneficiaries under Bokafa RD Block. According to the data provided by the officials, 24 unit of poultry chicks have been distributed to the 24 beneficiaries each spending 25 thousand rupees per unit consisting of about 300 poultry chicks per unit. More needy small livestock farmers will be identified and will be receiving fund for rearing livestock in coming days for improving the livelihoods of the people through backyard farming informed the officials of ARDD, Santirbazar.

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