

**Assistance for animal rearing under National Livestock Mission in Santirbazar**

To double farmers' income, Animal Resources Development Department has implemented various schemes of livestock farming under Santirbazar Sub-Division in the financial year of 2020-21 and 2021-2022. In the financial year of 2020-21, for Rural Backyard Pig Development, 80 units of Piglets at the cost of 21 thousand rupees per unit has been distributed to the unemployed youths and livestock farmers under Bokafa RD Block and Jolaibari RD Block in Santirbazar Sub-Division. In one unit there are 4 piglets, 3 are of high yielding Gilt and 1 high yielding male. Along with the distribution of the piglets, the department also has provided necessary items and medicine for the livestock rearing informed ARDD Officer-In-charge, Santirbazar Dr. Lokesh Das. For Backyard Goat Development under NLM scheme, 35 livestock farmers have been distributed with black bengal breed goat cubs under Bokafa RD Block. In one unit there is about 11 goat cubs costing of 21 thousand rupees per unit. In order to double farmer's income, the ARDD department under National Livestock Mission has taken up Rural Backyard Poultry Development Schemes in the financial year of 2020-21. In which 300 units of poultry chicks at the cost of 3 thousand 750 rupees per unit has been distributed to the 150 livestock farmers in Jolaibari and 150 beneficiaries under Bokafa RD Block. In the financial year 2021-22, about 40 units consisting of 5 piglets per unit at the cost of 21 thousand rupees has been handed over to the beneficiaries mostly to the tribal households for traditional pig rearing.

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