



**ICAR-National Institute of Foot and Mouth Disease**  
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**Report**



**Support and Assistance for Backyard Poultry Farming- 2025-26  
(Under DAPST Programme)**

**I. Input distribution of poultry feed, feeder and drinker**

Input distribution programmes were organized by ICAR-NIFMD under DAPST for ST beneficiaries from Barasahi, Haripur, Keranga, Pubu Sahi and Totapada Gram panchayat of Khordha district, Odisha from 15<sup>th</sup> January to 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2026. The programme aimed to improve nutrition, livelihood and backyard poultry farming skills among scheduled tribe community. The programme was organized by ICFMD including Dr T Das (scientist), Dr. Rahul Singh Arya (Senior Scientist) and Dr. Rajeev Ranjan (Senior Scientist) along with contractual staffs of the institute. A total of 350 beneficiaries from ST community participated in the programme. During the programme a total of 350 beneficiaries from ST community were distributed with inputs such as chick mash feed starter (50kg bag each; total-17.5 tonnes), feeder (350 No.) and drinker (350 No.).







## II. Input distribution of vaccinated 28 days old Desi poultry chicks (Sonali breed)

Input distribution programmes (Poultry chicks) were organized by ICAR-NIFMD under DAPST for ST beneficiaries from Barasahi, Haripur, Keranga, Pubu Sahi and Totapada Gram panchayat of Khordha district, Odisha from 18<sup>th</sup> January to 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2026. The programme was conducted with a long-term vision for upliftment of scheduled tribe community. The programme was organized by NIFMD including Dr T Das (scientist) and Dr. B. V. Sunil Kumar (Senior Scientist) along with contractual staffs of the institute. A total of 350 beneficiaries from ST community participated in the programme. During the programme a total of 350 beneficiaries from ST community were distributed with inputs such as vaccinated 28 days old Sonali poultry chicks (25 chicks to each, total-8,750 No.).







### III. Demonstration and technical assistance on scientific rearing practices

Sonali breed is popular in backyard system. They are known for better disease resistance, good egg production, better scavenging ability, delicious meat and better adaptability to back yard farming system. Demonstrations were provided on effective use of poultry feeder and drinker. They were sensitized on scientific rearing practices of backyard poultry including housing, feed, water and health care management. Technical guidance was provided on good housing practices with proper ventilation, lighting and cleanliness for protection from extreme weather, predators and diseases; feeding management including semi scavenging and feed supplementation of poultry chicks in back yard farming system; water management like providing clean fresh water at all the times, cleaning drinker daily and changing water daily etc. and health care management.



