

ESDP Programme under Ministry of MSME, Govt of India at CVSc, Khanapara

College of Veterinary Science under New Assam Veterinary And Fishery University Khanapara, Guwahati has launched its Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Programmes (ESDP) awarded by the Ministry of MSME, Govt of India for the UG and PG students of the faculty. The formal Inaugural function was held on 2nd February, 2026 at the Veterinary College Auditorium with the gracious presence of Hon 'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr.Niranjan Kalita , Assam Veterinary and Fishery University, Dr BK Sarmah Registrar, AVFU, Mr. Gaurav Joshi, Director MSME, Guwahati Division and Dr.B.N Saikia , Dean, College of Veterinary Science. At the beginning of the function the Coordinator of the program Dr. Devojoyoti Dutta, Professor *cum* Chairman T&P Cell, FVSc spoke about the ESDP programme and how the programme help in building entrepreneurial mindset, confidence and hands-on-skills among the UG and PG students of the faculty that can easily make them successful in the ever changing world.

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Niranjan Kalita enlightened the participants with his encouraging speech and call on the participants to fully enrich their knowledge on the proposed programme to become a successful entrepreneur. Registrar of AVFU, Khanapara spoke about how gaining skills not only help them to become successful entrepreneurs but also make them strong leaders both at work & in their personal Life. Director of MSME Guwahati Mr. Gaurav Joshi , on his maiden visit explained that MSME sectors are the major contributor of the Indian economy and always ready to extend helping hand on developing the Entrepreneurship business plan in the sector of Livestock and Animal Husbandry practices. All together 435 participants, mainly UG and PG students have registered and joined the inaugural function. The programmes to be conducted starting from 2nd Feb mainly on Poultry farming as a start up model, Dairy business. Livestock feed and fodder business model, Meat and meat by product Start up model and Veterinary Clinic cum Laboratory diagnostic business model for Vikshit Bharat Atmanirbhar Abhijan. Immediately after the inaugural function, the technical session on Entrepreneurship Awareness Program was held with official of MSME conducting the session. Mr. S S Barua, Dy Director interacts with the participating students and explains about the scope and processes to become an entrepreneur. Dr. Leema Bora, Senior Extension Specialist shares her experience on Veterinary Health and Animal Husbandry practices and basic process to become a successful entrepreneur. Subsequently the participants were engaged in their respective allotted programme on business opportunities in Poultry Sector; Motivation to take up entrepreneurship, Readiness to establish small diagnostic labs, in pet-care based startups in urban/semi-urban India. The programme were continued till March, 2026 particularly day long EAP, A week MDP and Six week ESDP programme..

Sharing Few Photos of the Programme-









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