## <u>Duck Farming Training Program Empowers Rural Women in</u> <u>Manglutan Panchayat</u>

The Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services (AH&VS), Andaman and Nicobar Administration, conducted a one-day training program on duck farming for rural women in Manglutan Panchayat on August 7, 2025, aimed at empowering participants with scientific techniques and practical skills to enhance their livelihoods through sustainable poultry farming.

The comprehensive program covered key aspects of duck farming, including breeding, nutrition, health management, and farm maintenance. Participants received hands-on training to manage duck farms efficiently, ensuring optimal productivity and profitability. Training materials and pamphlets were provided as valuable resources for future reference. All participants were registered and awarded certificates upon completion, recognizing their acquired expertise.

The program was graced by Shri Durlabh Das, Panchayat Pradhan, who addressed the participants, highlighting duck farming as a viable livelihood option for rural women. He encouraged them to apply the skills and knowledge gained to improve their economic prospects and contribute to community development. The Senior Veterinary Officer of the Animal Husbandry Training Institute (AHTI) also spoke, emphasizing the benefits of adopting scientific techniques and best practices to enhance duck farm productivity and support economic growth.

This effort underscores the AH&VS Department's commitment to empowering rural women and promoting sustainable animal husbandry in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The active participation of women from Manglutan Panchayat reflects their enthusiasm for adopting new livelihood opportunities. The department plans to continue such training programs to support rural communities, aligning with the Andaman and Nicobar Administration's vision of fostering economic empowerment and sustainable economical growth through poultry farming.



