

INAGURATION OF NUCLEUS PIG FARM, KYRDEMKULAI.

Shi P.Tynsong, Honourable Dy Chief Minister & I/C AH & Veterinary Deptt inaugurated **Nucleus Pig Farm** at Regional Pig Breeding Farm Kyrdemkulai on 1st May, 2019.

In the Inaugural address, Shi P.Tynsong, Honourable Dy Chief Minister & I/C AH & Veterinary Deptt .lauded the officers of AH& Veterinary dept. for their sincere and dedicated efforts to make it happening the first **Nucleus Pig Farm** in the State in which exotic pigs will be imported from United Kingdom. The Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister explained that with the establishment of a Nucleus Farm, the production of high yielding pig can be made available to the farmers which will enhance their production and generate better income and livelihood as well. The Deputy Chief Minister, reminded the audience that Piggery sector is a major sector in the State when compared with all the rest, and majority of the farmers are keeping pig in small or larger number, but due to lack of scientific knowledge in management and health care the yield is low with little sustenance and profit. Therefore, he urged upon Veterinary doctors to extend all possible help to farmers in the extension services like training, health cover etc. The Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, opined that the time has come that the State require to have its own Veterinary college in which sufficient land is available at Kyrdemkulai. This will encourage our students to undertake the study and thus enrich the human resources in the profession.

Speaking as the Guest of Honour, Shri Jason S.Mawlong, MLA exhorted the department of the good work and the new development which is a pride of the people of the area and the State in general. While laying emphasis on the need to maintain good coordination and understanding between the department and the people of the area, the local MLA assured to extend all possible support from his end.

Elaborating on the importance of the Nucleus Pig Farm, the Additional Chief Secretary I/C AH & Veterinary Deptt, Shri K.N.Kumar,I.A.S, mentioned that the State as it stand today imported about 1000 tonne of pork from outside the State, since the pig population is about 5.69 lakh, and that too only 24.6% are cross bred. The local indigenous pig which is available in the State is small in size and the litter size is also small. Therefore, with the setting of this Nucleus Pig Farm it will produce high quality pig which can be crossed with the local pig to produce a germplasm of high genetic character and thus better production. In respect with the Meghalaya Piggery Mission, in which the draft document was released recently, he said that it envisioned a great prospect of fast development in piggery sector in the State, and the State should look for export of pig not only in the region but even

to the entire South East Asian countries, and farmers of the State can reap rich dividend from the whole pig value chain. The department is taking initiative to develop multiplier pig farm in all the District, and also Satellite Pig Farm at the farmers level, he said. Therefore the whole value chain will be created for sustainability and profitability. The Additional Chief Secretary mention of the Nucleus Pig Farm for preservation of local indigenous pig called *niang-megha* which will be came operational soon at Pynursla, East Khasi Hills District.



