



RATHINDRA KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRA
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**Report on Handing-over Homemade Low-Cost Incubator to Mondal Producer Company
Limited on 07.09.2025**

Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati, Birbhum facilitated the designing and construction of a **Homemade Low-Cost Incubator** by Shri Amit Ghosh [(Mobile No- 9547322311), Address: - C/o. - Dinabandhu Ghosh, Village - Galundi (Paschim Para), P.O.- Galundi, Block – Bolpur-Sriniketan, District - Birbhum, West Bengal – 731240], costing about Rs. 28,000.00 (Rupees Twenty-Eight Thousand) only for hatching of 500 (Five Hundred) Numbers of Eggs / Cycle whereas Fully Automatic Egg Incubator for Automatic Eggs Hatching Machine (500 Eggs Capacity / Cycle) costs around Rs. 45,000.00 (Rupees Forty-Five Thousand) to Rs. 52,000.00 (Rupees Fifty-Two Thousand) only from Poultry Equipment Market.

Shri Amit Ghosh was an electrician. He has only 1 acre of land and has been cultivating mainly Rice, Mustard, Potato to maintain his own means of livelihood. The income from his farming activities was not satisfactory. He visited Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra frequently to know other possible avenues of earning from Animal Husbandry and related sectors. Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra identified his technical skill and motivated him to develop Homemade Incubator and begin poultry rearing in both Backyard and Deep Litter System. Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra provided all the Technical Know-how to design, construct and manage Shri Ghosh's Home-made Incubator that helped in fast hatching of eggs and increasing the production of Women Self Help Groups. Rathindra KVK, Birbhum also helped him to create linkages with different Women Self Help Groups and Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), Birbhum District for installation of his Homemade Incubator at various locations.

Sri Amit Ghosh was provided with a 3-day Intensive Skill Development Training Programmes on Scientific Poultry Farming and Management Practices and Low-Cost Feed Formulation of Poultry by Rathindra KVK, Birbhum. He also attended various awareness programmes and exposure visits to Public as well as Private Sector Poultry Farms for gaining firsthand experiences. Free of cost Vaccines, along with Veterinarian Medicine e.g. Antibiotic, Anticoccidial Drugs, Vitamins and Mineral Supplements supplied by Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra was also part of the initial critical input supports. The marketing of his Homemade Incubator was also extended by Rathindra KVK by linking with, different SHGs, Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) and other Poultry Farmers and Farmers' Producers' Companies / Organizations (FPC/O s).

The Programme at the Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra was presided over by Dr. Probir Kumar Ghosh, Honourable Vice Chancellor, Visva-Bharati along with the august presence of Dr. Pradip Dey, Director, Indian

Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) - Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute, Kolkata; Prof. Binoy Kumar Saren, Principal, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture) and In-Charge, Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Visva-Bharati; Dr. Feroze Hasan Rahman, Principal Scientist & Head, ICAR- National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning (NBSS&LUP), Regional Centre, Kolkata and Prof. Biswapati Mandal, Department of Agricultural Chemistry and Soil Science, Faculty of Agriculture, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya (BCKV), West Bengal. A large numbers of retired and present Faculties from Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati were also present.

The participants were welcomed by Dr. Subrata Mandal, Senior Scientist and Head, Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra. Dr. Probir Kumar Ghosh, Honourable Vice Chancellor, Visva-Bharati delivered the Presidential Address for the Programme. Dr. Probir Kumar Ghosh along with the all the Dignitaries handed over the Homemade Low-Cost Incubator to Shri Bidyut Mondal, Director, Mondal Producer Company Limited (Registration No. - U36100WB2018PTC224713; Date of Registration – 22.02.2018), Address: - Village + P. O. – Seorakuri, Block – Md. Bazar, District – Birbhum, West Bengal – 731127 for production of good quality Chicks of Improved Breed of Poultry Birds by the FPC Members at reasonable rates and accessible location through Scientific Improved Hatching Practices.

The Programme was anchored by Dr. Madhuchhanda Khan, Subject Matter Specialist (Animal Science), Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra.

All the Staffs of Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati actively participated to make the Programme a success.

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