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## DUCK BREEDING FARM AT KHAPURIA, CUTTACK IS OPERATIONAL AGAIN About one lakh chicks per annum will be supplied from the Farm

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Keeping in view, the demand for duck bearing among the farmers, the duck breeding farm at Khapuria, Cuttack has been reactivated on the instructions of Sri Ranendra Pratap Swain, Minister, Agriculture & FE, Fisheries and ARD.

Duck Breeding Farm at Khapuria in Cuttack was supplying duck chicks to help livestock farmers of the state. The farm was lying defunct for some days. It's a good news that the duck farm has now been made functional again by Fisheries and Animal Resources Development Department of the State Government.

Hatchers and setters equipped with modern technology have been installed now in the farm. At the first instance, three thousand eggs are laid in the machine, from which chicks will come out after 21 days. Chicks will be supplied to livestock farmers in the state at affordable price. These chicks will be useful for backyard duck rearing along with semi-commercial duck farming.

Duck eggs for hatching are brought from Central Poultry Development Organization located at Hessarghata, Bengaluru, Karnataka. Khaki campbell and Indian runner breeds will be supplied from Khapuria Farm. These two species of ducks can be raised both for eggs and meat. About one lakh chicks per annum will be supplied from this farm.

Farmers in rural areas can get nutritious food for their families by rearing ducks in their backyards and can contribute to multiplying their income through semi-commercial duck farming. The reopening of Duck Farm at Khapuria is a good news for the animal husbandry farmers of the state. They can contact the farm manager Dr. Chittaranjan Sen (Mobile Number: 99381 32290) to get ducklings.

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