

**TEC-IVRI, Pune organised training on “Poultry Farming for Livelihood Improvement” and “Goat Distribution” programmes at Bhagdari tribal village of Akkalkuwa Tq, Nandurbar District (Maharashtra) during 30-31 January 2019**

Training and Education Centre of ICAR-IVRI, Pune in collaboration with State Animal Husbandry Department, Govt. of Maharashtra organised a training programme for tribal farmers on “Poultry farming for livelihood improvement” on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at *Bhagdari* tribal village in Akkalkuwa Tq of Nandurbar district (Maharashtra) under Tribal Sub-plan Programme. A total of 93 farmers including 46 farm women of different villages of *Akkalkuwa* Tq, such as *Bhagdari, Bijri Pati, Matth Phali, Sakali Umar, Kanjala* and *Molgi* attended the programme. The programme was inaugurated by deputy surpanch of the village. Dr KN Bhilegaonkar, Station in-charge, TEC-IVRI briefed about the objectives of the training programme under TSP, and appreciated the tribal farmers for coming in large numbers and showing keen interest in the training programme. He also thanked the State Department of Animal Husbandry as well as all the resource persons for their cooperation. Dr SK Das and Dr HP Aithal, Pr. Scientists from TEC Pune were also present. Three Livestock Development Officers from the Department of Animal Husbandry namely Dr NB Chavan, Dr PA Khatke and Dr VS Nawale, delivered lectures on different aspects of poultry farming including prospects of poultry farming in the present scenario, housing and management, nutrition, health care and marketing, etc. in the local Marathi language. Video films were also shown to the farmers on different aspects of poultry farming for better understanding. Afterwards, the participants were taken to a nearby poultry farm for live demonstration. The participants showed keen interest in the training programme.



*Inauguration of training programme by deputy surpanch*



*Dr KN Bhilegaonkar addressing the participants*



*Dr Prashant A Khatke, LDO, addressing the farmers*



*Participants of the training programme*



*Dr PA Khatke, delivering lecture*



*Dr NB Chavan, delivering lecture*



*Dr VS Nawale, delivering lecture*



*Participants showing keen interest in the training*





*Field demonstration*



*Distribution of certificate to a lady participant*



*Group photograph of participants of training programme*

On 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019, one unit of goats consisting of 4 female and one male goats along with 200 kg of pelleted goat feed were distributed to 10 tribal farmers of *Bhagdari* and *Bijri Pati* villages. Dr KN Bhilegaonkar addressed the beneficiary farmers and informed about the importance of goat farming in improving the livelihood of farmers. They were also informed about the scheme and basic housing, feeding and management practices of goat farming. Before distribution of goats, profile of individual farmers were noted. Dr Prashant A Khatke, Livestock Development Officer, coordinated the overall programme.



*Dr KN Bhilegaonkar addressing the beneficiaries of goat distribution*



*Distribution of goats to tribal farmers*



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*Distribution of goat feed to tribal farmers*