

TEC-IVRI, Pune distributed goats and organised training programme on “Goat farming for livelihood improvement” at Gawandh tribal village of Nashik District, Maharashtra on 1st and 2nd of Feb. 2018 under TSP programme

Training and Education Centre, ICAR-IVRI, Pune in collaboration with State Animal Husbandry Department, Govt of Maharashtra, organised second phase of goat and other input distribution programme to tribal farmers on 1st February, 2018 at Gawandh tribal village of Peint taluka in Nashik district. Based on the survey in the tribal village, 10 tribal women farmers were given one unit of adult Osmanabadi goats consisting of one male and four females aged 12-14 months. In addition, two quintals of pelleted goat feed, and a set of feeder and waterer were also given. All the goats were initially checked for general health condition and then were tagged for insurance. About 80 farmers attended this programme. On this occasion, Dr KN Bhilegaonkar, SIC, TEC-IVRI in his address informed about the TSP programme of IVRI for the livelihood improvement of tribal farmers. He urged beneficiary farmers for putting in their sincere efforts in goat rearing. Dr SK Das, Pr Scientist, informed farmers on care and management of goats for good health and production. Dr Santosh Shinde and Dr Kavita Patil, Livestock Development Officers of State AH Department also addressed on the occasion.

On 2nd February, 2018, a training programme was organised on “Goat farming for livelihood improvement” for tribal farmers at Gawandh village in collaboration with the Regional Joint Commissionerate of Animal Husbandry, Nashik. A total of 58 tribal farmers including 22 women of Jharwad village, Triambakeshwar taluka of Nashik district participated in the training programme. In his inaugural address, Dr KN Bhilegaonkar, SIC, TEC-IVRI, highlighted the importance of animal husbandry, particularly goat and poultry rearing, as a sustainable source of income for the livelihood security in tribal areas. He informed the farmers about various activities initiated by TEC-IVRI, Pune in the tribal areas for the livelihood improvement. Dr SK Das, Pr Scientist appreciated the tribal farmers for active participation in large numbers in the training programme and urged them to take benefit of this training in scientific rearing of goats for better returns. Livestock Development Officers from State Animal Husbandry Department namely, Dr Santosh Shinde, Dr Mangesh Dhamale and Dr Yogesh S. Mehre delivered lectures on different aspects of goat rearing. Afterwards, a visit was organized to goat farms of tribal farmers of Gawandh village, who are successfully rearing goats under TSP programme of TEC-IVRI, Pune. Trainees interacted with the tribal farmers, and showed keen interest and enthusiasm in goat farming. Dr Santosh Shinde, Livestock Development Officer, Nashik, State Department of AH coordinated the programmes.



Goat distribution to a tribal woman farmer



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Distribution of goat feed



Dr Santosh Shinde delivering talk during the training



Tribal farmer participants of the training