TEC-IVRI Pune distributed goats and organised a training on “Goat Farming for Livelihood Improvement” under TSP programme at Zharwad village in Nashik district of Maharashtra during 5th and 6th March 2021

TEC-IVRI Pune with the help from Animal Husbandry Department of Maharashtra state distributed a unit of goat (4 female and 1 male), goat feed (200 kg) and mineral mixture (2 kg) each to five tribal farmers of Zharwad village of Trimbakeshwar taluka in Nashik district of Maharashtra under Tribal Sub plan Programme (TSP) on 5th March 2021. Before distribution of goats, baseline survey of farmers regarding their family size, land holding, number of livestock present, crops grown, source of income and annual income etc. was done. An MOU was also signed with the tribal farmers, and their caste certificate and ID proof was taken. During the input distribution programme, the local Sarpanch welcomed the scientists from IVRI and officers of state animal husbandry department, and expressed his gratitude for choosing their village for organizing the event. Dr KN Bhilegaonkar, SIC, TEC Pune, in his address to farmers informed the farmers about the achievements made under TSP programme in that area. Dr SK Das, Principal Scientist, was also present on the occasion.

On 6th March 2021, one-day training was organized on “Goat Farming for the Livelihood Improvement of Farmers” at Zharwad village. A total of 103 farmers including 72 women attended the programme. All the Covid-19 protocols of wearing mask and sanitization etc. were followed while conduction of training. In the inaugural function, a short introduction of local Sarpanch, Panchayat members, Secretary of Self Help group, IVRI scientists, LDOs of SAHD, resource persons and trainees was done. The participant farmers were also informed in detail about the COVID-19 pandemic situation and measures to be followed to control and prevent its spread. Local Sarpanch thanked all the officers of the state AH department and scientists of IVRI for organizing the training programme. Two women tribal farmers of Gawandh village (Kashibai W. Gawali and Bharati C. Gawali) of Peint taluka, Nashik, were felicitated for their significant performance on goat farming on the occasion of International Women’s Day. The felicitated farmers expressed how goat distributed under TSP programme helped them in income generation and economic upliftment.

Dr KN Bhilegaonkar, in his address informed the participants about the activities and achievements of the center and importance of this training. Dr SK Das informed the trainees about the potentiality of goat husbandry for economic upliftment of the tribal farmers. Dr Sunil D Dhande, LDO; Dr Santosh U Shinde, LDO; Dr Arun Kulkarni, ALDO, Dr Mongesh R Dhamale, ALDO delivered lectures in local language on different aspects of goat farming such as housing, nutrition, breeding, general management, disease and health management and marketing etc. The farmers actively participated and interacted during the training programme. Afterwards, a field visit to successful goat farmers was also organized for practical demonstration and confidence building of participants. Dr Santosh U Shinde, LDO, coordinated the programmes.
Goat distribution programme

Participants of training programme
Lectures during the training

Felicitation of women farmer beneficiaries of Gawandh village of Nashik district on the occasion of International Women’s Day