

TEC- IVRI Pune team visited drought affected areas of Ahmednagar district of Maharashtra and conducted Survey, Animal Health Camps and Kissan Goshtis from 4th to 6th June 2019

A team of scientists from TEC-IVRI Pune, including Dr SK Das and Dr HP Aithal, Principal Scientists, has visited the drought affected areas of Ahmednagar district of Maharashtra State and conducted survey, animal health camps and kisan goshtis at different areas. Due to severe drought and shortage of feed and fodder, a large number of livestock were kept in Cattle Camps, called as *Chara Chawnis*, which were partially funded by the State Government. It was informed to us that there are about 505 such *Chara Chawnis* housing about 3.22 lakh cattle and buffaloes in Ahmednagar district. The animals were sheltered in low cost bamboo structures with tarpaulin roof, and were fed sugarcane tops as green fodder @ 15-18 kg along with 500 g concentrate per animal/day. In general the management in the *Chara Chawnis* was good for maintenance of the animals.

In collaboration with State Department of Animal Husbandry, animal health camps and kisan goshtis were conducted in five *Chara Chawnis*. On 4th June, health camp was organised at a *Chara Chawni* located at *Ralegan Mashoba* village in the Nagar taluka of Ahmednagar district. A total of 117 cattle and buffaloes of 65 farmers were treated. Second camp was organised on the same day at another *Chara Chawni* located at *Deolgaon Siddhi* village in the Nagar taluka of Ahmednagar district, wherein a total of 103 cattle and buffaloes of 44 farmers were examined and treated. On 5th June, health camp was organised at a *Chara Chawni* located at *Shirsathwadi* village in the Pathardi taluka of Ahmednagar district; where 57 cattle and buffaloes of 24 farmers were treated for different conditions. Another health camp was organised on the same day at a *Chara Chawni* located at *Waju Jalgaon* village in the Pathardi taluka of Ahmednagar district, where 203 cattle and buffaloes of 59 farmers were treated. On 6th June, the fifth animal health camp was organised at a *Chara Chawni* located at *Walvane* village in the Parner taluka of Ahmednagar district, where 75 cattle and buffaloes of 48 farmers were treated. Altogether, in five animal health camps, 555 cattle and buffaloes of 240 farmers were treated. Most common cases other than anoestrous and repeat breeding were worm infestation, tick infestation, anorexia, pyrexia, enteritis, mastitis, agalactia, debility, tympanitis, metritis, retention of placenta, abortion, eye infection, corneal opacity, skin affections, wounds, fractures, patellar luxation, intestinal obstruction, etc.

Kissan Goshtis were also organised at different *Chara Chawnis*, where deliberations were made on different aspects of housing, feeding and management of cattle and buffaloes. Livestock farmers took keen interest and have attended the Goshtis in a large number. About 10 Livestock Development Officers of State Animal Husbandry Department were present in health camps and assisted in treatment of animals. Dr KN Bhilegaonkar, SIC, TEC-IVRI Pune and Dr SK Tumbhare, District Animal Husbandry Officer, Ahmednagar, coordinated the programme.



Chara Chawni at *Ralegan Mashoba* village



Health camp at *Ralegan Mashoba* village Chawni



Chara Chawni at *Deolgao Siddhi* village



Early stage of eye lid cancer in a buffalo at *Deolgao Siddhi* village Chara Chawni



Chara Chawni at *Shirsathwadi* village



Tehsildar of Pathardi taluka visited the health camp at *Shirsathwadi* village



Kisal goshti at Chara Chawni at *Shirsathwadi* village



Chara Chawni at *Waju Jalgaon* village



POP application for treatment of fracture in a buffalo at *Waju Jalgaon* village



Kisann Goshti at *Waju Jalgaon* village



A case of eye cancer in *Waju Jalgaon* village
Chara Chawni



Chara Chawni at *Walvane* village



Health camp at *Walvane* village Chara Chawni



Treatment of tympany at *Walvane* village
Chara Chawni



A cow with congenital deformity at *Walvane*
village Chara Chawni



Team of doctors with Chawni owners at
Walvane village Chara Chawni