

TEC, IVRI, Pune organised an Interface Meet with the Veterinary Officers of Goa State on 30th August 2018 at Old Goa

Training and Education Centre, ICAR – Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Pune in collaboration with ICAR-Central Coastal Agricultural Research Institute, Old Goa organised an Interface Meet with Veterinary Officers of Goa State on 30th August 2018 at CCARI, Ela, Old Goa. About 60 veterinary officers from the State Department of Animal Husbandry, dairy cooperatives, faculty of CCARI and farmers attended the meet.

The Chief Guest of the inaugural function was Dr Santosh Desai, Director, Department of Animal Husbandry, Goa State. The programme started with ICAR song. Dr KN Bhilegaonkar, SIC, TEC Pune welcomed the guests and participants, and briefed about history and salient achievements of IVRI and the mandate and activities of IVRI Pune Centre. Dr Mahesh Chander, JD (EE), IVRI, addressed the delegates and informed about the Interface Meets being conducted by IVRI at different States, and asked the participants to give feed back on their field problems. Dr EB Chakurkar, Director CCARI informed that the interface meet was the first ever programme organized by IVRI in Goa State and urged the participants to take full benefit from the meet. Dr Santosh Desai, Chief Guest of the function, in his address, told the participants about the problems faced by small and marginal farmers of the state such as cost of labour, and non availability of feed and fodder for the livestock. He urged the participants to upgrade the knowledge and skill for working towards the goal of doubling the farmers' income by 2022. He also thanked IVRI and CCARI for organizing the programme. Dr HB Chethan, Scientist CCARI compered the programme and proposed vote of thanks. The programme ended with National Anthem.

The technical session started with the presentation of on 'An Overview of IVRI Technologies' by Dr KN Bhilegaonkar, SIC, TEC, Pune, followed by lectures on 'Entrepreneurship Development and Organic Animal Husbandry' by Dr Mahesh Chander, JD (EE), 'Advanced Nutritional Technologies' by Dr AK Verma, Head (AN), and 'Surgical Technologies and Interventions' by Dr HP Aithal, Pr Scientist (TEC). This was followed by interaction and discussion. All the officers actively participated in the discussion and during the interaction various aspects on vaccine production and availability, organic animal husbandry practices, enrichment of feed and fodder through urea treatment, etc. were discussed. In the evening, a demonstration on epoxy-pin fixation of an open metatarsal fracture in a calf was arranged for the veterinary officers. The veterinary officers took keen interest in the surgical procedure and expressed confidence in handling such cases using epoxy-pin fixation technique in future. On 31st August, two different Gau-shalas were visited; the animals were examined for their health status and treated for different ailments such as mastitis and worm infestation. The housing and management practices at the Gau-shalas were also discussed.



Inaugural function of the Interface Meet



Dr Mahesh Chander, JD (EE) addressing the participants during the inaugural function



Dr Santosh Desai, Director (AH) and the Chief Guest addressing the audience



Dr AK Verma, Head (AN) giving lecture on Advanced Nutritional Technologies



Demonstration of Epoxy-pin fixation for the veterinary officers



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Group photograph of participants of the Interface Meet



A visit to a Gau-shala

