

TEC-IVRI, Pune organised a training on “Goat Farming for Livelihood Improvement” under TSP programme on 9th November 2017 at Sinnar, Nashik (Maharashtra)

A training programme for tribal farmers was organised on “Goat farming for livelihood improvement” at Sinnar, Nashik (Maharashtra) on 9th November 2017 by Training and Education Centre, ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Pune in collaboration with the Regional Joint Commissionerate of Animal Husbandry, Nashik. A total of 45 tribal farmers, including 17 farm women of *Vinayaknagar* village of *Trimbakeswar* taluka, Nashik district participated in one day training programme. The training was inaugurated by Mr Sunil Pote, President, *Yuva Mitra*, a Non-Government Organization. He addressed the trainees and appreciated the tribal farmers for their keen interest and active participation. He also appreciated the initiatives taken by IVRI Regional Station, Pune for implementing the TSP programme for uplifting the tribal farmers of the region. Dr KN Bhilegaonkar, SIC, TEC, Pune urged the farmers to take full benefit of the training programme for livelihood improvement. Dr SK Das and Dr HP Aithal, Pr Scientists from TEC Pune were also present on the occasion.

Four resource persons from the Department of Animal Husbandry namely Dr Milind Bhanghe and Dr Santosh Shinde, Livestock Development Officers and Dr Sulane Kailas and Dr Dhamale Mangesh, Livestock Supervisors delivered lectures on different aspects of goat husbandry including housing and management, nutrition, health care, marketing, etc. in the local Marathi language. A video film was shown to the farmers for better understanding of goat husbandry. Afterwards, the farmers were taken to field visit to different landless/nomad goat farmers who have taken up goat rearing and have improved their earnings. The tribal farmers actively interacted with these progressive goat farmers and gained first hand information on various aspects of goat rearing. The participants have shown keen interest and enthusiasm in the training and were convinced to take up goat farming as a source of income and livelihood improvement. Dr Santosh Shinde, Livestock Development Officer, Nashik coordinated the programme locally.



Inauguration of the Training Programme by tribal women



Dr KN Bhilegaonkar, SIC, TEC, addressing the participants during the inaugural function



Dr M Bhangre, LDO, delivering a lecture



Dr Santosh Shinde, LDO, delivering a lecture



Participants watching a documentary on Goat Farming



A participant expressing his views on the training programme



A woman farmer beneficiary at Gawandh village with goat herd



A group photograph of participants of the Training Programme