

TEC-IVRI Pune organized a training programme on “Livestock Farming Challenges and Entrepreneurship Opportunities” at Hingoli (Maharashtra) on 4th March 2025 under SCSP programme

The Training and Education Centre (TEC), ICAR-IVRI, Pune, in collaboration with the Animal Husbandry Department, Hingoli (Govt. of Maharashtra), successfully organized a one-day training workshop aimed at empowering Scheduled Caste farmers by providing guidance on opportunities, challenges, and modern technologies in the livestock sector. The event, held at VK Deshmukh Mangal Karyalay, Sengaon, Hingoli, witnessed the participation of more than 650 farmers, including a significant number of women farmers, highlighting the growing involvement of women in livestock-based entrepreneurship.



(Group photo of participants with the resource persons)

The inaugural session was attended by distinguished guests, including Dr SB Khune, District Deputy Commissioner of Animal Husbandry, Hingoli; Dr RR Chandel, Retd. Regional Deputy Commissioner of Animal Husbandry, Latur Division; Dr Tukaram Bhuktar from Government Veterinary College, Parbhani; Assistant Commissioner of Animal Husbandry, Dr RA Kalapure; Dr PS Nichal; Mr S Govande from the Social Welfare Department; Livestock Development Officer, Dr TK Bhise; Dr Sai Pawar; Dr Noor Shaikh; Dr Shrikant B Devkar; and Scientists of TEC IVRI Pune Dr Amol Bhalerao and Dr Sanghratna Bahire. These dignitaries provided comprehensive insights into various aspects of the livestock sector, including modern technologies, advancements in animal health management, and government schemes designed to support and uplift farmers.

A key highlight of the workshop was the release of several informative publications aimed at educating farmers on scientific livestock management practices i.e. a Backyard Poultry Farming Guide, offering insights into traditional poultry rearing, breed selection, and farm management; a Poultry Breed Information booklet, which explained the characteristics of both local and commercial poultry breeds; and a publication on Urea Treatment Technology, demonstrating innovative techniques for enhancing the nutritional value of fodder. These publications, distributed by TEC Pune, were developed to bridge the knowledge gap between scientific advancements and traditional livestock farming methods, enabling farmers to make informed decisions for improved productivity.



(Release of publications)

International Women's Day was also celebrated by honouring three women farmers for their outstanding contributions to the animal husbandry sector. Mrs. Jyoti Tukaram Bhuktar from Ajegaon was recognized for her remarkable efforts in generating rural employment through animal husbandry-related businesses under Prakashwat Farmer Producer Company and Arambh Seva Bhavi Sanstha, Ajegaon. Mrs. Amrapali Gajanan Narwade from Palshi, an enterprising poultry farmer, was commended for her achievements in poultry entrepreneurship. Mrs. Alka Ratan Ingole from Pusegaon was acknowledged for successfully managing goat rearing under government schemes, demonstrating how structured goat farming can contribute to financial growth and rural development. The recognition of these women underscored the increasing role of women in the livestock industry and encouraged more participation in scientific livestock farming.



(Mr S Govande delivering a lecture)

The workshop featured expert sessions covering a wide range of topics essential for sustainable livestock farming. Dr RR Chandel delivered an insightful discussion on the dairy business, focusing on high-yield milk-producing breeds, value addition in dairy products, and the economic benefits of vermicompost production. Dr RA Kalapure provided a detailed overview of various government subsidy schemes designed to assist livestock farmers in expanding their operations. Dr Sanghratna Bahire highlighted opportunities in goat and poultry farming, stressing the importance of proper management, balanced nutrition, and strategic health planning. Dr Tukaram Bhuktar emphasized the significance of fodder management, explaining the benefits of multi-cut grasses, silage production, and cultivating nutritious fodder crops. Dr Amol Bhalerao guided farmers on achieving sustainable income through integrated farming systems and livestock-based entrepreneurship.

Financial planning was another crucial aspect discussed at the workshop. Mr. Shankar Chopde, a bank representative, explained the process of acquiring loans and developing financial plans for livestock farming projects. Mr. S. Govande from the Social Welfare Department stressed the importance of understanding constitutional rights and urged farmers to study the preamble of the Indian Constitution to be well-informed about their legal entitlements.



(Dr Sanghratna Bahire delivering a lecture)

During the concluding session, Dr SB Khune and Dr Sanghratna Bahire urged farmers to adopt modern technologies and scientific methods to ensure sustainable livestock farming. The event also saw the participation of Dr Keshav Waghmare from the Dairy Processing Industry, Siddheshwar; Engineer Metkar; Nandkishore Khillare; several representatives from women's self-help groups; and members of Arambh Seva Bhavi Sanstha, Ajegaon, all of whom contributed valuable insights into sustainable livestock farming and rural development.



(Dr Amol Bhalerao interacting with trainees)

The successful execution of the workshop was led by Dr Sanghratna Bahire and Dr Amol Bhalerao from TEC, ICAR-IVRI, Pune, along with Dr Shrikant B Devkar, Livestock Development Officer, Sengaon Taluka. Their coordinated efforts ensured that farmers received in-depth knowledge on increasing profitability in livestock farming through scientific interventions, financial planning, and access to government support schemes. By the end of the workshop, farmers gained an understanding of modern livestock farming techniques and how to leverage available resources for better productivity and economic stability.



(Distribution of certificate to a participant)

