

TEC-IVRI Pune organized a training programme on “Integrated Farming and Dairy Business” at Wasmat, Hingoli (Maharashtra) on 6th March 2025 under SCSP programme

The Training and Education Centre (TEC), ICAR-IVRI, Pune, in collaboration with the Department of Animal Husbandry, Government of Maharashtra, successfully organized a one-day training workshop on March 6, 2025, at Krishna Garden Mangal Karyalay, Wasmat, Hingoli. The workshop aimed at equipping Scheduled Caste farmers with knowledge on opportunities, challenges, and modern advancements in livestock farming, fostering economic growth and sustainability. The event saw the enthusiastic participation of over 320 farmers, alongside distinguished dignitaries and experts from the veterinary and animal husbandry sectors.



(Chief Guest, Tehsildar Mrs. Sharda Dalvi, interacting with farmers)

The inaugural session was graced by Tehsildar Mrs. Sharda Dalvi, who emphasized the crucial role of livestock farming in ensuring financial stability and rural prosperity. She urged farmers to adopt scientific farming techniques to enhance productivity and resilience in the face of agricultural challenges. Joining her were Rtd. Deputy Commissioner of Animal Husbandry, Dr Munir Khan; Assistant Commissioner of Animal Husbandry, Dr Ajay Mustare; IVRI experts Dr Amol Bhalerao and Dr Sanghratna Bahire; Livestock Development Officer, Dr Sanjay Sawant; and Dr Siddharth Ingole, all of whom provided invaluable insights into modern livestock farming practices, technological advancements, and government support schemes.

A key highlight of the event was the distribution of informational booklets developed by ICAR-IVRI, Pune, aimed at enhancing farmers' understanding of best practices in livestock farming. The materials covered essential topics such as goat farming, backyard poultry farming, poultry breed selection, and urea treatment technology, equipping farmers with scientific knowledge to improve animal health, nutrition, and productivity.

These publications were well received by the participants and are expected to serve as valuable reference guides for progressive livestock farming.



(Felicitation of a progressive woman farmer)

The workshop also included a special segment in celebration of International Women's Day, where women who had made remarkable contributions to the livestock sector were honoured for their achievements. Their success stories served as an inspiration for other farmers, particularly women, to take up livestock-based entrepreneurship and contribute to rural economic development.



(A glimpse of training programme and interaction with experts)

During the technical session, experts provided deep insights into various aspects of livestock farming and business strategies. Dr Munir Khan elaborated on the challenges in dairy farming, focusing on food planning, breed selection, and efficient farm management to maximize productivity. Dr Sanghratna Bahire emphasized the potential of poultry and goat farming, highlighting best management practices, proper nutrition, and disease control measures to ensure profitable ventures. Dr Amol Bhalerao encouraged farmers to adopt integrated farming systems, combining livestock, agriculture, and allied activities to achieve a sustainable and diversified income source. He stressed the need for scientific livestock management and financial planning to help farmers mitigate risks and enhance profitability.



(A glimpse of training programme and interaction with experts)

The training-workshop concluded with an interactive discussion, allowing farmers to seek expert guidance on various livestock-related challenges and solutions. The event was successfully coordinated by Dr Sanjay Sawant, Dr Sanghratna Bahire, and Dr Amol Bhalerao, whose dedicated efforts ensured that farmers received practical, research-based knowledge to enhance profitability and sustainability in livestock farming.



(Dr Subhash, a Poultry Expert, speaking during the training session)



(A glimpse of participants interaction with experts)