

TEC-IVRI Pune organised a training on *Scientific Livestock Farming* on 29th November 2023 at Nashik (Maharashtra) under SCSP programme

TEC-IVRI Pune in collaboration with Department of Animal Husbandry, Nashik (Maharashtra), organized a one-day training on '*Scientific Livestock Farming*' under SCSP programme on 29th November 2023 at Belgaon Dhaga, Trimbakeshwar, in Nashik district. One hundred fifty (150) farmers including **110 women** participated in the training programme. At the inaugural function of the training, Dr Akash Thakare, LDO Rohile Trimbakeshwar, welcomed all the participants and guests. Dr Santosh U Shinde, LDO Trimbakeshwar, spoke on the progress made through the SCSP and TSP livelihood improvement programmes in the region, and thanked TEC Pune for continued support in implementing livelihood improvement programmes for the benefit of resource poor farmers of the region. Dr HP Aithal, Station In-charge, TEC Pune, spoke about the mandate and activities of the Centre, the importance of the training programme and informed the participants about the impact of livelihood improvement programmes in Nashik, Nandurbar, Hingoli and Pune regions of Maharashtra. Village *Sarpanch* was also present on the occasion.

The training included lectures on different aspects of goat husbandry and backyard poultry farming in local Marathi language. Expert lecturers included Dr Santosh Shinde LDO Trimbakeshwar, Dr Akash O Thakare LDO Rohile Trimbakeshwar, Dr Kavita A Patil LDO Harsul, and Dr Vanita D Chauhan LDO Lahavi Nashik. The topics covered included prospect of goat farming, housing management for goats, goat breeds and reproduction, feeding and general management practices of goats, diseases of goats including deworming and vaccination schedule for goats, and backyard poultry - breeds, management and benefits. A few young entrepreneurs also expressed their views and shared their experiences. One of the successful beneficiary farmer from Vinayaknagar village also shared his experiences and benefits of goat farming.

During the valedictory function, Dr Prashant Dharmadhikari, District Deputy Commissioner of Animal Husbandry (Nashik) was the Chief Guest. He gave motivational speech and urged the farmers to take full advantage of the training and livelihood improvement programmes being undertaken. He also thanked TEC IVRI Pune for implementing livelihood improvement programmes for SC and ST farmers of the State. At the end, certificates were distributed to the participants.



A view of a large number of women participants



Dr Santosh Shinde delivering lecture on management of goats



Dr Akash Thakare lecturing on goat breeds and reproduction



Dr Kavita Patil giving lecture



Dr Vanita Chauhan delivering lecture



One young entrepreneur sharing experience



Experience sharing by a beneficiary farmer



Dr Prashant Dharmadhikari, DDCAH (Nashik), addressing the participants



Distribution of certificate to the participants



Serving of lunch to the farmer trainees



Group photograph of training participants
