

TEC-IVRI Pune organised two training programmes on *Integrated Farming System* under TSP at Pathardi, Nashik (Maharashtra) on 25th and 26th March 2025

TEC-IVRI Pune along with Maharashtra Animal Husbandry Department, Nashik, organised two training programmes on *Integrated Farming System* under TSP at Pathardi in Nashik district during 25th and 26th of March 2025.

On 25th March, the training programme on “*Goat and Poultry based Integrated Farming System*” was organized, which was attended by 225 farmers including 23 woman. During the inaugural function, Dr Akash O Thakre, LDO, Harshul welcomed all the dignitaries, experts and farmer participants. Dr Santosh U Shinde, LDO, Surgana, Nashik addressed the participants and he informed about the importance of the training programme and thanked ICAR-IVRI for organizing the need based training. Dr SK Das, Principal Scientist, TEC, briefed about the activities and achievement of the Centre. He also stressed on the impact of TSP programme in Nashik district of Maharashtra and the importance of goat based integrated farming system for the benefit of tribal farmers. Dr Chandore, LDO, Igatpuri, in his address informed about the prospect of goat farming for livelihood development. Dr Sachin Shelke, LDO, Niphad talked about nutritional requirement of goats for growth and production. Dr Prashant Dharmadhikari, District Deputy Commissioner of AH, Nashik, gave motivating talk, and informed about different schemes run by the AH department for the livestock farmers and praised scientists of TEC and officers of AH Department for their efforts to organize the training programme for the benefit of resource poor farmers of Nashik district.

During the training, Dr Santosh Shinde spoke on the topic “*Housing and breeding management of goat and poultry*”, Dr Yogesh Mehre (LDO- Traimbakeshwar) delivered lecture on the topic “*Feeds and feeding management of goat and poultry*”, Dr Akash Thakre spoke on “*Diseases and health management of goat and poultry*” and Dr Amol Bhalerao, Scientist, TEC, Pune delivered on “*Entrepreneurship development through goat farming*”. Ms. Anuradha Londe, from Bank of Maharashtra spoke on “*Different bankable schemes*”. All the lectures were in the local language followed by discussion and interaction. One of the progressive goat farmers shared his views on income generation and livelihood support through goat and poultry farming. One officer of FPO spoke about the formation and activities of FPO. At the end, certificates were distributed to all the participants. The programme ended with formal vote of thanks given by Dr Akash Thakre.



Address by Dr Prashant Dharmadhikari, DDCAH, Nashik during the inaugural function



Address by Dr SK Das



Lecture by Dr Chandore, LDO, Igatpuri



Lecture of Dr Santosh Shinde, LDO



Lecture of Dr AK Bhalerao



Lecture of Dr Akash Thakre, LDO



Participants of training programme on “Goat and Poultry based IFS”



A farmer participant giving his feedback

On 26th March, another training programme was organized on “*Dairy based Integrated Farming System*”. A total of 170 farmers including 38 woman farmers actively participated in the training. Dr Akash Thakre welcomed all the guests, experts and farmer participants. The training programme started with the lecture of Dr Sahaji R Deshmukh, Retd. ACAH, Nashik, who delivered lecture on the topic “*Breeding and general management of cattle*”. Dr Santosh Shinde talked about “*Housing and feeding management of cattle*”, Dr SK Das gave a lecture on the topic “*Dairy cattle and buffalo as a component of IFS for economic upliftment of farmers*”. Dr Amol Bhalerao delivered a lecture on “*Entrepreneurship development through dairy farming*”. Dr Akash Thakre, spoke on “*Diseases occurrence and health management of dairy cattle*”. Mr Ravindra Amrutkar, an officer from FPO, expressed his view about dairy based FPO formation and its functioning. A few trainees expressed their views about the training programme. Afterwards, certificates were distributed to all the participants, which was followed by formal vote of thanks proposed by Dr Akash Thakre.



Lecture of Dr Sahaji R Deshmukh, Retired ACAH



Dr SK Das delivering lecture during the training programme on “Dairy based IFS”



Participants of training on “Dairy based IFS”

On 24th March, the team consisting of Dr SK Das and Dr Amol K Bhalerao of TEC Pune and Dr Santosh U Shinde and Dr Akash O Thakre from the Department of AH, Nashik conducted monitoring, advocacy service, data recording, and health checkup of 17 goat units of ST farmers at Vinyaknagar village of Trimbakeshwar taluka. They interacted with the farmers and gave suggestions to improve management of goats. All the farmers were doing very well, the goat units were healthy and productive. All the goats were dewormed by broad spectrum anthelmintic, and mineral and vitamin mixture was distributed to all the farmers for feeding pregnant and nursing goats. During the last six month, a total of 81 kids were born, 88 goats were sold with remaining stock of 228 goats and followers. Eleven farmers earned Rs. 6.61 lakh by selling of goats and utilized the money for livelihood improvement such as education of their kids, treatment of ailing family members, purchase of daily and goat feed, renovation of own house and goat shed etc.



Interaction with a farmer beneficiary and data recording at Vinyaknagar, Nashik



A progressive farmer with his healthy stock at Vinyaknagar, Nashik



Goats taken for grazing at Vinyaknagar, Nashik

Dr SK Das and Dr AK Bhalerao from TEC Pune and Dr Santosh U Shinde and Dr Akash O Thakre from the Department of AH, Nashik coordinated both the programmes.
