

TEC- IVRI Pune organised follow up visit, advocacy service and health checkup of goats, and *Kisan Gosthis* at Alwand, Anjaneri and Vinyaknagar villages of Nashik district during 18th to 20th July 2023 under TSP and SCSP programmes

TEC-IVRI Pune along with Department of Animal Husbandry, Nashik, Maharashtra, organized follow up visits, advocacy service, health checkup of goats, and distribution of mineral and vitamin mixture in different villages of Trimbakeshwar taluka in Nashik district under SCSP and TSP programmes. Performance data were recorded during the follow up visit. On 18th July the team consisting of Dr SK Das Principal Scientist and Dr Amol Bhalerao Scientist from TEC, and Dr Santosh U Sindhe and Dr Akash Thakare, LDOs from State AH department visited goat units of 15 SC farmers at *Alwand* village. During the last 3 months, 14 kids were born and 3 goats were sold with 70 goats remaining with the farmers. Only one farmer earned Rs. 7,000 through selling of a goat. On 19th July, the team visited goat units of 10 SC farmer beneficiaries at *Anjaneri* village. During the last 9 months, 25 kids were born and one goat was sold with 65 goats remaining with farmers. Only one farmer earned Rs. 5,000 through selling of a goat. On 19th and 20th July, the team also visited 25 goat units of ST farmers at *Vinayaknagar* village. During the last 12 months, 284 kids were born and 126 goats were sold with 339 goats remaining with the farmers. Sixteen farmers earned Rs. 10,22,000 through selling of goats with an **average income of Rs. 63,875**. The team interacted with the farmers, suggested different measures in housing, feeding and management of goats, especially during rainy season. They checked the health status of goats and provided necessary treatments besides distributing mineral and vitamin mixture for better health and production of goats. They also informed about the importance of feeding balanced ration to goats and the formula for preparation of feed with different ingredients.

Three *Kisan Gosthis* were organized at Alwand, Anjaneri and Vinyaknagar villages of 18th, 19th and 20th of June, wherein 27, 18 and 43 farmers, respectively, participated. In all the *Kisan Gosthis* problems of farmers were discussed. Dr SK Das delivered a talk on “Housing, feeding, breeding and health management of goat especially in rainy season”. Dr Amol Bhalerao spoke on “Entrepreneurship development and extension strategies of goat farming”. A WhatsApp group of goat farmers of Vinyaknagar village was formed to exchange information with the farmers.



Newly constructed goat shed with GI sheet roof and concrete floor from earnings through selling of goats by a tribal farmer of Vinayaknagar village



A sick goat was being examined in Alwand village



Interaction with a SC farmer at Anjaneri village, Nashik



A SC farmer made wooden raised bed for keeping goats in rainy season along with lighting arrangement



Kisan Gosthi with SC farmers in Alwand



Kisan Gosthi with ST farmers at Vinyaknagar

village



Distribution of mineral mixture and anthelmintics to SC farmers at Alwand, Nashik

village



Grazing of goats in a fallow land in Vinayaknagar village
