

TEC-IVRI Pune organised follow up visits and advocacy services at *Zharwad* village of Nashik district on 7th December and *Kashti* village of Ahmednagar district on 13th December 2023 under SCSP programme

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 at *Zharwad* village of Trimbakeshwar taluka in Nashik district on 7th December and *Kashti* village of Shrionda taluka in Ahmednagar district of Maharashtra on 13th December 2023 under SCSP programme.

The expert team visited the goat units of 10 ST farmers at *Zharwad* village and 5 SC farmers at *Kashti* village. The team interacted with the farmers, suggested different measures in housing, feeding and management of goats especially during rainy season. The health status of goats was checked and necessary treatments were provided wherever needed, besides distributing anthelmintic, mineral and vitamin mixture for better growth and health of goats. Six farmers in *Zharwad* village sold 19 goats and earned Rs. 1,21,000 during the period of last six months. One progressive farmer in *Kashti* village was producing Lucern grass for feeding animals. Few farmers made feeder with locally available materials for feeding of goats. Farmers in the village were feeding chopped sugarcane tops also as fodder. Six kids were born and one doe died in three months period. All the remaining goats and kids were found healthy.

Dr SK Das, Principal Scientist, TEC Pune; Dr Santosh U Shinde, LDO, *Trimbakeshwar*, Nashik; and Dr Prashant Khatke, LDO, *Kashti*, Ahmednagar from the Department of Animal Husbandry coordinated the programmes.



Goats along with kids in a tree shade at Kashti



A farmer produced green fodder for feeding his livestock



One SC farmer at Kashti made feeder with locally available materials for feeding goats



Distribution of mineral and vitamin mixture and anthelmintic to the farmers
