

TEC, ICAR-IVRI, Pune organized a follow-up visit, advisory services, health check-up of goats, and distribution of inputs at Valati, Nagapur, and Thorandle villages of Ambegaon, Pune, on 26th March 2026 under the DAPSC programme

The Training and Education Centre (TEC), ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Pune, in collaboration with the Maharashtra Animal Husbandry Department, Valati, Ambegaon, organized a follow-up visit on 26th March 2026 under the Developmental Action Plan for Scheduled Castes (DAPSC) programme. The activities included advisory services, performance data recording of goats, and distribution of essential inputs (medicines, mineral mixture, jute bags, and umbrellas) in the villages of Valati, Thorandle, and Nagapur in Ambegaon taluka of Pune district.

During the visit, the team supervised housing, feeding, and overall management practices across all 10 goat units maintained by Scheduled Caste farmers. Interactions were held with farmers to address and rectify gaps in housing, feeding, and management practices, aiming to improve growth, production, and health of the goats. It was observed that farmers were primarily feeding green fodder such as Hybrid Napier, maize, and chopped sugarcane tops. They were advised to prepare a balanced concentrate ration using maize crushed grain, rice or wheat bran, groundnut cake, cottonseed cake, mineral mixture, and common salt in appropriate proportions. Farmers were encouraged to provide this concentrate twice daily in recommended quantities to enhance growth and milk production.

Health interventions included deworming of goats using a broad-spectrum anthelmintic. Anti-stress herbal supplements were provided to mitigate heat stress during the summer months. Additionally, mineral and vitamin mixtures were distributed to support the health of weak and pregnant animals. Data on key performance indicators such as kidding pattern, morbidity, mortality, and sale of goats were recorded. Over the past six months, a total of seven kids were born across the three villages, while nine goats were sold, leaving a current stock of 27 goats along with their followers. The five participating farmers collectively earned ₹53,000 through goat sales during this period. Overall, the goats were found to be in good health. However, farmers in Nagapur village reported incidences of leopard predation, resulting in the loss of one adult goat. Farmers were advised to adopt precautionary measures to minimize such risks. They were also encouraged to sell goats in nearby livestock markets based on live body weight rather than visual assessment of body condition, to ensure better price realization.

The programme was coordinated by Dr. SK Das, Principal Scientist, TEC, ICAR-IVRI, Pune, and Mr. Mayur Ghytodke, Livestock Supervisor, Maharashtra Animal Husbandry Department, Valati, Ambegaon.



One SC farmer was providing tree leaves for feeding goats at Nagapur village



Distribution of different inputs to SC farmers at Nagapur, Ambegaon
