

TEC Pune extended support to flood-affected farmers of Solapur district of Maharashtra by organizing animal health camps and *Kisan Goshtis* on October 7th and 8th, 2025

The Training and Education Centre (TEC) of ICAR-IVRI, Pune, in collaboration with the State Animal Husbandry Department, Solapur District, successfully organized animal health camps and *Kisan Goshtis* in various villages affected by recent floods on 7th and 8th October 2025.

On 7th October 2025, a team of scientists from TEC Pune, including Dr. H.P. Aithal, Principal Scientist, and Dr. Sanghratna V. Bahire, Scientist, along with Livestock Development Officers of the State Animal Husbandry Department, visited *Rahulnagar* and *Mohol* villages in Madha Taluka. They conducted comprehensive animal health camps and interactive *Kisan Goshtis* for local livestock farmers. On 8th October 2025, similar activities were organized at *Akole Mandrup* and *Mangoli* villages in South Solapur Taluka.

During these visits, the team engaged directly with livestock farmers from the flood-affected regions, conducted thorough health check-ups of their animals, and provided essential veterinary support. This included the distribution of mineral mixtures, anthelmintics, and treatment for ailing animals. In total, 1,217 animals were attended to, comprising 182 Holstein Friesian crossbreeds, 132 buffaloes, 436 sheep/goats, 142 Jersey X and local non-descript cattle, and over 150 birds.

The *Kisan Goshtis* provided an interactive platform to educate farmers on preventive healthcare for their livestock. Participants were guided on strategies to protect animals from infectious and communicable diseases, gastrointestinal disorders, and parasitic infestations. Special emphasis was placed on ensuring access to clean water, providing a balanced diet with fresh green fodder and concentrates, and enhancing the nutritional value of fodder—particularly sugarcane tops—through urea and salt treatment.

This initiative provided timely relief and support to farmers and their livestock, mitigating the adverse impact of the floods on animal health and productivity.

The team of experts was complemented by Livestock Development Officers from the State Animal Husbandry Department, including Dr. Sachin More, Dr. Kshirsagar Pranali, Dr. Sandeep Pawar, and Dr. Avinash Pange. The events were coordinated by Dr. Vishal Yewale, Deputy Commissioner of Animal Husbandry, Solapur, who expressed his gratitude to TEC Pune for their prompt assistance and invaluable support in addressing the needs of livestock in the flood-affected areas.



Rahulnagar village



Mohol village



Akole Mandrup village



Mangoli village
