

TEC Pune organised follow up visits, advocacy services, health checkup of goats and *Kisan Goshtis* at Nashik district under TSP and SCSP programmes

TEC, ICAR-IVRI, Pune organised follow up visits, advocacy services, deworming of goats, distribution of mineral and vitamin mixture, *Kisan Goshtis* and data recording on performance of goats at *Alwand* and *Anjaneri* villages on 30th September 2024 under SCSP programme, and in *Vinayaknagar* village of Trimbakeshwar taluka of Nashik district on 1st October 2024 under TSP programme.

Scientists of TEC along with officials of state AH Department visited *Alwand* and *Anjaneri* villages for the follow up of 25 goat units of SC farmer beneficiaries on 30th September and on 1st October they visited *Vinayaknagar* village for monitoring goat units of 25 ST farmers. They supervised all the goat units and interacted with farmers regarding housing, feeding and management of goats during the rainy season. Feed formula for preparing balanced ration with locally available ingredients such as maize crust, rice bran, groundnut cake, cotton seed cake, mineral mixture and common salt was informed to them as supplied feed of all beneficiaries was exhausted. The goats were dewormed by broad spectrum anthelmintic. Mineral and vitamin mixture was distributed to each farmer for feeding weak, pregnant and nursing goats.

Data on live weight of newborn kids, kidding type, disease incidence, mortality, sale of goats, utilization of earned capital etc. were recorded. In the last nine months' period in SC dominated villages, 80 goat kids were born, 26 goats were sold with remaining stock of 78 goats and their followers. A sum of Rs 1,41,500 (Rupees one lakh forty one thousand and five hundred only) was earned by 10 SC farmers through sale of goats during the period. In last six months' period in tribal dominated village of *Vinayaknagar*, 104 goat kids were born, 66 goats were sold with remaining stock of 361 goats and followers. A sum of Rs. 4,88,000 (Rupees four lakh and eighty eight thousand only) were earned by 13 farmers through sale of goats. The farmers informed that they utilized the money for renovation of their own houses, purchase of agricultural implements, medical treatment and education of kids, and purchase of essential commodities.



Interaction with farmers and data recording at Vinyaknagar



A farmer is showing her goats at Anjaneri village



Distribution of mineral mixture and anthelmintics to ST farmers



RCC goat shed constructed by a ST farmer, using the earnings through sale of goats



Discussion on SHG / FPO formation with Swadesh Foundation, Nashik

Two *Kisan Goshtis* were organised one on 30th September at *Alwand* village and another on 1st October 2024 at *Vinayaknagar* village. Twenty three farmers of *Alwand* village and 36 farmers of *Vinayaknagar* village attended *Kisan Goshtis*. The problems of farmers were discussed at length for improving growth, production and health of goats, particularly housing, feeding and

management of goats during the rainy season, deworming schedule etc. Initiative was taken to form self-help group (SHG), seed village (SV) and farmer producing organization (FPO) in collaboration with Swadesh Foundation - a Nashik based NGO. Objectives, modalities of SHG, SV and FPO were discussed for the benefit of farmers in procurement of inputs, health care management, and sale of products etc. It was decided that a goat farmers' producer organization would be formed in future so that the farmers could come together to adopt scientific goat management practices to procure inputs at lower cost and sell their products at better price. Further, in order to mobilize and sensitize the farmers, it was decided to organize a collaborative training programme to inform scientific methods of goat farming among the farmers. The members of *Gram Sabha* as well as *Pashu Sakhi* appointed by Swadesh Foundation agreed with the suggestions proposed by TEC Pune. Dr SK Das, Principal Scientist and Dr Amol K Bhalerao, Scientist from TEC Pune coordinated the programmes.



Kisan Goshti at Vinyaknagar village on 1st October 2024