

TEC-IVRI Pune organised a training programme on *Goat Farming for Livelihood Improvement* at Trimbakeshwar, Nashik (Maharashtra) on 29th March 2023 under TSP programme

TEC-IVRI, Pune in collaboration with Maharashtra Animal Husbandry Department organised one day training on “*Goat farming for the livelihood improvement of farmers*” at Trimbakeshwar in Nashik district of Maharashtra on 29th March 2023 under TSP programme. A total of 168 farmers including 160 women from eight villages namely *Saraste, Ojarkhed, Torangaon, Khokripara, Hirdi, Dahalewadi, Rakdegaon* and *Pegalwadi* participated in the training programme.

At the outset, during the inaugural function, Secretary, *Mahila Bachat Gat* welcomed the guests and participants, and thanked IVRI and the Department of Animal Husbandry for organising the training for the tribal farmers especially for women. Dr SK Das, Principal Scientist, TEC Pune, in his address informed about the activities of the Center, and aims and objectives of the training programme. He also informed the participants about the impact of TSP programme in Maharashtra and potentiality of goat farming for sustainable income generation and livelihood of the farmers. Dr Amol Bhalerao, Scientist, TEC Pune, spoke on entrepreneurship development through goat farming. Dr Santosh U Shinde, LDO, delivered a lecture on housing and environment requirement of goats. Dr Mangesh R Dhamale, LSS, spoke on feeds and feeding management of goats, and breeds and breeding management. Dr Arun J Kulkarni, ALDO, delivered lecture on diseases of goats and health management. Dr Bhagwant S Gangurde, ALDO, spoke on general management and economics of goat production in *Marathi* language. After the lectures, interaction with the farmers continued and the problems faced by the farmers were discussed. One progressive goat farmer expressed his views and benefits of goat farming. After the lectures, a field visit was also organised for practical demonstration of goat farming and motivation to the farmers. To mark the “*International Year of Millet*” roti made of Jowar was served to the farmers during lunch.



Participants of the training programme at



Dr SK Das, addressing the participants of the training programme

Trimbakeshwar, Nashik



Dr Amol Bhalerao, speaking on entrepreneurship development



Dr Arun J Kulkarni, delivering lecture to the trainees

On 28th March 2023, follow up visit was undertaken to record the progress of goat units of 10 tribal beneficiary farmers at Zharwad village in Trimbakeshwar taluka of Nashik district. During the last 11 months, 53 goat kids were born and four farmers earned Rs. 33,500 by selling goats. Wherever necessary, instructions were given to improve the housing, feeding and management of goats. Feed formula was described for preparing balanced mash ration incorporating ingredients such as maize crust, rice bran, rice polish, groundnut cake, cottonseed cake, mineral mixture and common salt. All the animals were checked for general health, which was moderately well. Broad spectrum anthelmintic was given for deworming of all the goats. Mineral and vitamin mixture was also given, and advised for pregnant and nursing goats for improving growth, production and health.

Dr SK Das and Dr Amol Bhalerao from TEC Pune and Dr Santosh U Shinde and Dr Mangesh R Dhamale from the Department of Animal Husbandry, Trimbakeshwar, Nashik coordinated the programmes.



Osmanabadi goats of a tribal farmer are grazing in hilly slope of Zharwad village



Goats are maintained in spacious semi open shed with GI roof in Zharwad



Goats are maintained in a shelter made of wooden planks



Distribution of mineral mixture and anthelmintics to beneficiary farmers
