

TEC-IVRI, Pune organised training programme on “*Sustainable Livelihood through Animal Husbandry*” for tribal farmers at Gadchiroli (Maharashtra) on 28th Feb. 2019

Training and Education Centre of ICAR - Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Pune in collaboration with State Animal Husbandry Department Gadchiroli, National Association for Welfare of Animals and Research (NAWAR) Nagpur and Bharatiya Kissan Sangha Gadchiroli, organised a training programme for tribal farmers on “*Sustainable Livelihood through Animal Husbandry*” on 28th February 2019 at Gadchiroli, Maharashtra, under TSP programme. A total of 301 farmers including 85 farm women from 65 villages of 8 talukas of Gadchiroli district attended the programme.

The programme was inaugurated by lighting of lamp by Hon. Member of Parliament of Gadchiroli-Chimur constituency, Shri Ashokji Nete. At the outset Dr KN Bhilegaonkar, Station In-charge, TEC-IVRI Pune, briefed about the Pune Center and aims & objectives of the training programme under TSP. He also appreciated farmers for coming in large numbers and showing keen interest in undertaking the training. Chief Guest, Shri Ashokji Nete, in his address requested farmers to learn different aspects of animal husbandry for increased production and economic upliftment. He also appreciated IVRI, NAWAR and BKS for taking efforts in organising the training programme, and urged the organisers to conduct more such programmes in the future and assured all kinds of support from his side. Other guests and dignitaries present on the occasion were Dr Ajay Poharkar, Secretary, NAWAR; Dr YS Wanjari, Deputy Commissioner of AH and Dr Prashant Bhurle, DAHO, Gadchiroli; and Shri Udayji Borawar and Smt Kirantai Bharve, BKS, Gadchiroli. Dr SK Das and Dr HP Aithal, Principal Scientists from TEC Pune were also present on the occasion. During the function, 10 progressive farmers were felicitated for their significant contribution in animal husbandry practices. Dr YS Wanjari, Deputy Commissioner of AH, Gadchiroli proposed vote of thanks.

The technical session started with presentations in local Marathi language from different experts. Dr Ajay Poharkar, LDO, spoke on ‘Overall scenario and opportunities in animal husbandry sector, with special reference to remote tribal regions of Maharashtra’. Dr Sudhir Kawitkar, Professor of Animal Nutrition, Nagpur Veterinary College, Nagpur talked on ‘Livestock Nutrition’. Dr Mukund Kadam, Asst. Professor (Poultry Science), Nagpur Veterinary College, delivered lecture on ‘Prospect of poultry sector in the present scenario: housing, management, nutrition, health care and marketing’. Dr MS Dige, Scientist from CIRG Makhdoom delivered lecture on “Goat housing and management”. The farmers showed keen interest and interacted actively during the discussion on different aspects of animal husbandry, especially poultry and goat farming.



Inauguration by lighting the lamp by Chief Guest Hon. MP, Shri Ashokji Nete



Welcoming of Chief Guest by offering floral bouquet



Welcome address by Dr KN Bhilegaonkar



Address by Chief Guest, Shri Ashokji Nete



Felicitation of a progressive farmer by the Chief Guest



Dr YS Wanjari, Deputy Commissioner of AH, Gadchiroli addressing the farmers



Dr Ajay Poharkar addressing the farmers



Dr Sudhir Kawitkar's lecture on Animal Nutrition



Dr Mukund Kadam's lecture on poultry farming



Dr MS Dige's lecture on goat farming



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