

TEC-IVRI Pune organized monitoring and advisory services at *Gawandh*, *Vinayaknagar* and *Metgharkella* tribal villages of Nashik district of Maharashtra under TSP programme during 5th-6th February 2021

Training and Education Centre (TEC), ICAR-IVRI Pune organised monitoring and advisory services at *Gawandh* village of Peint taluka, and *Vinayaknagar* and *Metgharkella* tribal villages of Trimbakeshwar taluka of Nashik district under TSP Programme during 5th and 6th of February 2021.

On 5th morning, Dr SK Das, Principal Scientist and Dr Amol Bhalerao, Scientist from TEC along with Dr Santosh Shinde, local LDO of State Animal Husbandry department, went to *Vinayaknagar* village for monitoring of 10 goat units distributed to tribal farmers. They supervised the housing, feeding and management of all the goat units, interacted with the farmers and feed formula for preparing balanced ration was described for better growth and production of goats. All the animals were dewormed by broad spectrum anthelmintic, and mineral and vitamin mixture was distributed to each farmer beneficiary. A total of 157 goat kids were born and 33 goats were sold for Rs 2,24,500 in the year 2020 with an average annual income of Rs 22,450. Afterwards the team visited *Metgharkella* village and monitored 10 poultry units of tribal farmers. They interacted with the farmers and collected information about production of eggs and chicks, and sale of birds and eggs etc. Also distributed mineral mixture and antibiotic powder to all the farmer beneficiaries. It was revealed that the farmers sold about 202 birds for Rs 90,000 and about 10950 eggs for Rs 62,000, with a total earning of Rs. 1,52,000 with an average income of Rs 15,200 during the year. It was learnt that the farmers utilized about 18800 eggs for their consumption especially during the lockdown period.

On 6th February, the team of scientists visited *Gawandh* village for monitoring of 20 goat units distributed to tribal farmers. They supervised housing and management of goats and formula for preparing balanced nutrition was described to all the farmers. All the goats were dewormed by broad spectrum anthelmintic and mineral and vitamin mixture was given to all beneficiary farmers. In this village during the year 2020, a total of 94 goat kids were born, and 56 goats were sold for Rs 3,98,500 with an average income of Rs 19,925.



*A goat unit at a farmer's house in
Vinayaknagar village*



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