

## **TEC-IVRI Pune organized follow-up visit, advocacy service and distribution of inputs at village *Kashti* in Ahmednagar district (Maharashtra) under SCSP programme on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024**

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TEC-IVRI Pune along with Maharashtra Animal Husbandry Department, Nashik, organized follow up visit, advocacy service, health checkup of goats, and distribution of mineral and vitamin mixture at *Kashti* village of *Shrionda* taluka in Ahmednagar district of Maharashtra on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 under SCSP programme.

The team visited goat units of 5 SC farmers at *Kashti* village and interacted with the farmers, suggested different measures in housing, feeding and management of goats, especially during the rainy season. They checked health of goats and provided necessary treatments when required. Two does were found to be anoestrus. All the goats were dewormed by broad-spectrum anthelmintic. Mineral and vitamin mixture was distributed to the all farmers for better health, growth and production of goats. One progressive farmer was producing lucerne grass for feeding the animals. A few farmers made feeder with locally available materials for feeding of feed and fodder to goats. The farmers in the village were feeding chopped sugarcane tops and onion leaves as they were abundantly available. During the last five months, 11 goat kids were born, 1 kid died, with remaining stock of 35. Three farmers sold 6 goats and earned Rs. 52,000. Rest of the goats and kids were found healthy.

Dr SK Das, Principal Scientist from TEC and Dr Prashant Khatke, LDO, *Kashti*, Ahmednagar from the Department of Animal Husbandry coordinated the programme.



*One farmer weaned his kids from doe at 1 month of age and kept in separate house*



*A progressive farmer made feeder with locally available materials for feeding grass*



*Another SC farmer made feeder for feeding onion leaves and peels to his goats*



*Distribution of anthelmintic, mineral and vitamin mixture to SC farmers*

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