

TEC-IVRI Pune organised training on *Livestock Farming Opportunities* for under SCSP programme at Pimproli village of Wada Taluka in Palghar district (Maharashtra) on 2nd March 2023

TEC-IVRI Pune along with Taluka Veterinary Mini Polyclinic Vada of Maharashtra State Animal Husbandry Department organized one-day training on “*Livestock Farming Opportunities*” under SCSP programme at Pimproli village of Wada Taluka in Palghar district of Maharashtra. A total of 120 farmers, including a large number of women (75), participated in the training.

The training programme was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Dr Prashant Kamble, Regional Joint Commissioner of Animal Husbandry, Palghar. Dr Kamble appreciated the efforts taken by Training and Education Centre, ICAR-IVRI, Pune in organising the training and informed the participants about the importance of goat husbandry for the livelihood security of farming community. Dr Ajeet Pokharkar (LDO) welcomed the guests and participants. Dr HP Aithal, Principal Scientist and In-charge TEC, in his address informed about the institute's activities, achievements of SCSP programme in Nashik and Pune districts, and the potentiality of goat and backyard poultry farming for sustainable livelihood of the SC farmers. Others present on the occasion were Dr Sanghratna V Bahire, Scientist TEC Pune (training coordinator), and Livestock Development Officers from the Department of Animal Husbandry including Dr Vineet Jairam Ghondake (Block Coordinator), Dr Siddarth Sabale, Dr Sharad Govind Aswale, Dr Poonam Ramdas Surjuse, Dr Yogita Krishnaji Amrutkar, Dr Sopan Diwate, and others including the village *Sarpanch* Mrs Manali Bunde and Mrs Sanjeevani Mokashe.

The training included lectures on various aspects of livestock farming. Dr Siddarth Sabale spoke on backyard poultry farming and its importance in the household economy, nutrition, and as a ready cash bank to the family. Dr Y Amrutkar gave lecture on clean milk production and its importance in our health and economy. Dr Poonam Surjuse informed about various Government schemes in animal husbandry sector for farmers and appealed to the farmers to take maximum benefit from the schemes. She also spoke on different diseases affecting goats, their management and the importance of vaccination in disease prevention. Dr Sopan Diwate highlighted about the common poultry diseases and their management, and vaccination. Dr Sanghratna Bahire spoke on various aspects of livestock farming such as different types of animal husbandry practices, scientific goat management practices, housing, management, and feed and fodder requirements of goats, breeding and reproduction of goats, health management and common diseases affecting goats, as well as marketing of goats. He made all the farmers aware about the routine deworming and vaccination of goats and the necessary measures to be taken to overcome seasonal stress. He also highlighted on all agriculture-allied livestock farming opportunities, the importance of *desi* poultry and improved varieties, dairy cattle, rabbit, fish farming and how to make use of these as additional source of income to improve

their livelihood. After the lectures, many participants actively participated in the interaction and discussion.

Dr Sanghratna Bahire from TEC Pune and Dr Vineet Ghondake, LDO, Taluka Veterinary Mini Polyclinic, Vada, Palghar, coordinated the programme.



Chief Guest Dr Prashant Kamble, RJC Palghar, addressing the participants



Dr Siddarth Sabale lecturing on backyard poultry farming



Dr Poonam Surjuse speaking about various Government schemes



Dr Sanghratna Bahire lecturing on various aspects of livestock farming



Distribution of certificate to a participant



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A section of women participants during the training



Group photograph of guests, faculty and trainees
