

**TEC-IVRI Pune organised a follow-up visit, advocacy services and health checkup of goats at *Valati, Thorandale* and *Nagapur* villages of Ambegaon (Maharashtra) on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023 under SCSP programme**

TEC-IVRI, Pune along with Department of Animal Husbandry, Maharashtra state, organised a follow up visit and advisory services at *Valati, Thorandale* and *Nagapur* villages of Ambegaon taluka in Pune district under SCSP programme on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Dr SK Das, Principal Scientist and Dr Sanghratna V Bahire, Scientist from TEC visited *Valati, Thorandale* and *Nagapur* villages for monitoring of 19 goat units of SC beneficiaries. They supervised housing, feeding and management of all the goat units and interacted with the farmers regarding the housing, feeding and management of goats for better growth, health and production. As the supplied feed of all beneficiaries was exhausted, feed formula for preparing balanced ration with locally available ingredients was informed to all the beneficiary farmers. Some of the farmers reported feeding of lucern grass to their goats, and one farmer constructed feeder for feeding his goats using locally available materials. All the animals were dewormed by broad spectrum anthelmintic, and mineral and vitamin mixture was distributed to each farmer for feeding to weak and pregnant goats. Data on kidding, disease incidence, morbidity and sale of goats were recorded. During the last six months, in all the 3 villages together, 20 goat kids were born, and 9 goats were sold with an earning of Rs 46,000 by 5 farmers through selling of goats. The farmers informed that they utilized the money for renovation of goat sheds and for children's education. Six goats had suffered enteritis and another goat had pneumonia. Dr SK Das from TEC and Dr Abhijeet Parandekar, LDO, Dept. of Animal Husbandry, Valati, Ambegaon, coordinated the programme.



*Goats are reared in semi-open low cost shed with feeder*



*Goats grazing in an open field*



*Data recording at a farmer's door*



*Distribution of mineral mixture and anthelmintics to the farmers*

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