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Farmers' Training cum Critical Input Distribution Programme

Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), ICAR-CICR, Nagpur successfully conducted a Farmers' Training cum Critical Input Distribution Programme at Salaimendha village, Hingna Taluka, Nagpur district on 16th April 2025, under the Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) scheme. The objective of the programme was to enhance the economic status of tribal farmers by improving the productive and reproductive performances of their livestock, thereby contributing to income generation and promotion of sustainable integrated natural farming practices.

During the technical session, Dr. Ulhas Galkate, Subject Matter Specialist (Veterinary Science) and convenor of the programme, emphasized the importance of balanced nutrition in goats, cows, and buffaloes to ensure better health and higher returns from livestock. He described balanced feeding as a key element in achieving profitability in animal husbandry. Dr. Galkate also sensitized farmers about the control of ecto and endoparasitic infestations in livestock to avoid economic losses and to prevent parasitic diseases, especially protozoan infections. He also highlighted the pivotal role of livestock in natural farming by contributing to soil health, animal health and human health.

Dr. Dipak Nagrale, Senior Scientist (Plant Pathology), ICAR-CICR, Nagpur, urged farmers to utilize livestock dung effectively by treating it with Trichoderma and other bio-products to convert it into nutrient-rich organic manure, thereby increasing the organic matter content in soil. He also discussed how natural farming can help in producing disease-free crops and the importance of livestock-based inputs in sustainable agriculture.

Dr. Sachin Wankhede, SMS (Agrometeorology), created awareness among farmers about lightning safety measures, especially during the pre-monsoon period. He encouraged the farmers to join KVK's WhatsApp groups to regularly receive weather-based agro-advisories issued every Tuesday and Friday for timely decision-making.

Dr. Mayur Meshram, SMS (Agronomy), anchored the programme and shared insights on eco-friendly farming models that integrate livestock as a central component of sustainable agriculture.

On this occasion, critical livestock inputs such as concentrate premix and medications for ectoparasitic and endoparasitic control were distributed to the participating farmers.

This impactful programme was organized under the able guidance of Dr. V. N. Waghmare, Director, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur, whose visionary leadership continues to steer KVK initiatives towards inclusive and sustainable rural development.

The programme witnessed active participation from more than 50 tribal farmers, including prominent village representatives such as Shri Yogesh Madavi (Upsarpanch), Shri Sheshrao Mankar, Shri Sheshrao Randai, and Shri Masaramji, the respected social workers from Salaimendha. Shri Sarang Shrirame extended wholehearted support in organizing the event. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Sachin Wankhede. This initiative by KVK reflects its continued commitment to empowering tribal farmers through scientific knowledge, critical inputs and sustainable farming strategies.

