

Report on DAPST launching workshop on “Advanced Animal Husbandry practices for sustainable Income”

ICAR-NIVEDI Hosts DAPST Workshop to Promote Sustainable Livestock Practices among Tribal Farmers

ICAR-NIVEDI, Bengaluru, organized a launching workshop under the DAPST initiative on “*Advanced Animal Husbandry Practices for Sustainable Income*” on 18th July 2025, aimed at promoting scientific and sustainable livestock practices among Scheduled Tribe (ST) farmers.

Dr. Narayanan, G, senior scientist welcomed all the participants and gave a brief overview of the DAPST activities at NIVEDI. Addressing the Livestock Farmers belonging to ST community, Dr. Baldev R. Gulati, Director of ICAR-NIVEDI emphasizing the institute’s commitment to empowering tribal farmers through capacity building, training, and access to proven technologies. He urged participants to adopt improved animal husbandry practices that can lead to sustainable livelihoods and long-term income generation.

The Chief Guest, Dr. Suresh Honnappagol, Former Animal Husbandry Commissioner, Government of India and Former Vice Chancellor, KVAFSU, Bidar, addressed the farmers and highlighted the crucial role of livestock-based livelihoods in enhancing rural and tribal incomes. He stressed the importance of efficient farm management and cost-effective production, and encouraged the adoption of good practices with institutional support.

As part of the DAPST support, essential livestock inputs including rubber mats, milk cans, and mineral mixtures were distributed to ST farmers to promote hygienic and efficient dairy practices. The workshop also featured technical sessions by domain experts. Dr. Vijay Bhaskar from KMF spoke on the importance of ethnoveterinary medicine in disease management and animal wellness. Dr. Jagadish Hiremath, Principal Scientist at ICAR-NIVEDI, discussed profitable pig farming models tailored for smallholder and tribal farmers. Dr. Krishnan from the Centre of Excellence in Animal Husbandry, Hesaraghatta emphasized the nutritional and income-generating benefits of backyard poultry systems. In an interactive session, feedback was gathered from participating farmers on their experiences with livestock rearing, including the challenges they face. The insights will help NIVEDI and other stakeholders in tailoring future interventions to local needs and ensuring practical solutions.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. C. S. Satish Gowda, Scientist, ICAR-NIVEDI, who acknowledged the valuable contributions of the dignitaries, speakers, and participating farmers.



Distribution of inputs to the farmers



A group photo taken to commemorate the occasion