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पशुमत्स्यधनं नित्यं सर्वलोकोपकारकम्। शोधशिक्षणजं कार्यं ज्ञानकौशल्यदायकम्॥

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### Fish Awareness Campaign by MAFSU

The Maharashtra Animal & Fishery Sciences University (MAFSU), Nagpur has launched a year-long Fish Awareness Campaign (मत्स्य जनजागृती अभियान) from October 11, 2024, to October 10, 2025. The campaign aims to raise public awareness about the nutritional benefits of including fish in the daily diet, promote sustainable fishing practices, and combat malnutrition across India. Fish is nature's priceless gift, rich in vital nutrients that benefit physical and mental health. Suitable for people of all ages, fish is an ideal food for growth, wellness, and disease prevention.



### Health benefits of Fish consumption:

Fish is an excellent source of essential nutrients like protein, amino acids, and fatty acids. Fish proteins have major role as a precursor of growth hormones, muscle development, absorption of calcium, better immune function, good digestion, better sleep and sexual function of the body along with cell signaling, blood flow and nutrient transport.

Fish is a powerhouse of long chain polyunsaturated fatty acids especially omega-3 fatty acids (EPA and DHA) present in salmon, mackerel and sardine, lower LDL (bad cholesterol), raise HDL (good cholesterol) and keep blood pressure stable lowering the risk of heart disease and stroke. Omega-3 fatty acids also contribute to brain health, reducing the risk of neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's. In addition, regular fish consumption can increase serotonin levels, which may help alleviate depression and anxiety by up to 25% in some cases. Fish provide essential minerals such as calcium, phosphorus, and vitamin D, which support strong and healthy bones, helping to prevent osteoporosis, especially in older adults. Furthermore, vitamin D and zinc in fish boost the immune system, aiding the body in fighting infections and healing injuries effectively.

For pregnant women, fish is particularly beneficial as it supports the development of the infant's brain and eyes, contributing to healthier pregnancies and better early childhood outcomes.

### Public Engagement and Campaign Strategies

MAFSU teaches people about the benefits of fish through social media, radio and television programs and

informative literature. The campaign's motto, 'Eat Fish, Stay Healthy' (‘मासे खा, निरोगी रहा’), is in line with the promise of wellness via good diet and backing local fish markets. The campaign also addresses malnutrition, a significant issue in India. Lack of nutrients can cause stunted growth, a weak immune system, and long-term illnesses.

To promote fish intake, it is suggested to eat 100 to 150 grams of fish two to three times a week, choosing locally available fishes like rohu, catla, tilapia, prawns, mackerel etc. Further to prevent nutrient loss it is also advised to cook them in healthier ways like grilling or steaming instead of frying and for selection of healthy fishes picking out fresh fish should include looking for bright eyes, firm flesh and a mild seaweeds like smell. These initiatives help fishing communities feel supported and economically connected to one another.

### Cultural and Economic Significance

Fish is an important part of Maharashtra's culture and traditional fishing methods keep the fish fresh and the environment in balance. The advertising honors ancient customs while also encourage the eco-friendly behaviors. The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) strongly advocate the fish consumption for good health. Fish is a cheap and easy way to make up for nutritional gaps in India, where diets are generally limited in variety. Fishers' livelihoods and local marketplaces may be strengthened by the growing demand for fish. The focus on fish products that add value shows that the fisheries sector could thrive economically.

MAFSU's Fish Awareness Campaign is a clarion call to embrace fish as a staple for health and sustainability. By integrating fish into weekly meal plans whether as curries, soups or grilled dishes, the individuals can unlock a wealth of health benefits while supporting local economies. As the campaign aptly states that Fish is nature's priceless gift, (मासे ही निसर्गाची अनमोल देणगी आहे), let us join hands to make fish a cornerstone of our diet, paving the way for a healthier, disease-free future.

**Dr. Niteen Patil**  
Vice-Chancellor, MAFSU

# TWELFTH CONVOCATION OF MAFSU



Twelfth convocation of the Maharashtra Animal and Fishery Sciences University, Nagpur was held on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 at Silver Jubilee Auditorium, Nagpur Veterinary College, Nagpur.

Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, Hon'ble Chancellor of MAFSU & Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra State presided over the Convocation. Acclaimed scientist Padma Vibhushan Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Chancellor of Homi Bhabha National Institute, Chairman of Rajiv Gandhi Science & Technology Commission and Former Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission was the Chief Guest and delivered the convocation address. Mrs. Pankajatai Munde, Hon'ble Pro-Chancellor of MAFSU and Minister of Animal Husbandry, Environment & Climate Change was the Guest of Honor. Dr. Prashant Narnaware, Secretary to the Governor and Dr. Ramaswami N., Secretary of Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries were the Special Guests.

During the convocation, degrees were conferred to a total of 703 graduates wherein 380 students were from B.V.Sc. & A.H., 57 students from B.F.Sc., 53 students from B.Tech. (Dairy Technology), 205 students from M.V.Sc., 01 Student from M.Tech. (Dairy Technology) and 07 Ph.D. students from Veterinary Science. The meritorious graduates were awarded with 30 Gold, 08 Silver medals & 01 Cash Prize. The B.V.Sc. graduate of Nagpur Veterinary College Mr. Sahil bagged total 06 Gold & 03 Silver medals including a Gold medal for securing 1<sup>st</sup> rank in B.V.Sc. & A.H. degree from the University. Ms. Aastha Mehta of Mumbai Veterinary College received 02 Gold medals & 01 Cash Prize of Rs. 25,000/-. The M.V.Sc. student of KrantiSinh Nana Patil College of Veterinary Science, Shirwal Ms. Saranya secured 02 Gold medals including 1<sup>st</sup> rank in M.V.Sc. degree from the University.

Dr. Niteen Patil, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor delivered the introductory speech and presented the University's activity Report. Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra and Mrs. Pankajatai Munde, Hon'ble Pro-Chancellor of MAFSU and Minister of Animal Husbandry, Environment & Climate Change congratulated the parents and faculties for their support and encouragement in shaping the students journey.

Former Vice-Chancellors of MAFSU, eminent dignitaries, University Senior officers Dr. Shirish Upadhye, Director Instructions & Dean (Veterinary Faculty), Dr. Nitin Kurkure, Director of Research Dr. Anil Bhikane, Director Extension Education, Dr. Sachin Bonde, Dean Fishery Science, Dr. Prashant Wasnik, Dean Dairy Technology, Smt. Mona Thakur, Registrar, Dr. Bhushan Ramteke, Controller of Examination, staff of the University, students and parents were present prominently.











## TRAININGS

### MAITRI TRAININGS UNDER RASHTRIYA GOKUL MISSION

Two trainings of three months duration on "Establishment of Multipurpose Artificial Insemination Technicians in Rural India (MAITRI) sponsored by MLDB, Nagpur, under National Gokul Mission were conducted by NVC, Nagpur during 26<sup>th</sup> December 2024 to 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025 and by KNPVC, Shirwal during 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024 to 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2025. Total 60 unemployed youth from Nagpur, Gadchiroli, Pune & Satara districts of Maharashtra participated in these training programmes. The training programmes were successfully organized by Dr. C.G. Panchbhai at NVC, Nagpur and Dr. Ajit Mali at KNPVC, Shirwal under the guidance of Project coordinators Dr. D. S. Raghuvanshi and Dr. Kavita Khillare respectively.



*Dr. A. U. Bhikane addressing the trainees during concluding function at NVC, Nagpur*

### TRAININGS FOR PASHUSAKHIS UNDER MAVIM

A total of 27 MAVIM sponsored trainings on Goat farming module - 2 of 5 days duration were conducted during January to March 2025 at constituent Veterinary Colleges of MAFSU, Nagpur. Total 681 pashusakhis from different district of Maharashtra were trained in these trainings. The trainings were coordinated under the leadership of Dr. A. U. Bhikane, DEE, MAFSU, Project Co-ordinator Dr. D. S. Deshmukh and Project Co-coordinators Dr. Purna Gharpade, Dr. Vijay Basunathe, Dr. S. N. Rindhe, Dr. N. V. Khode, Dr. B. N. Ambore and Dr. Sunil Waghmare.



*Demonstration of Silage making to pashusakhis at COVAS, Parbhani*

### TRAINING ON 'BOAR HUSBANDRY MANAGEMENT' AT KNPVC, SHIRWAL

A training programme on 'Boar Husbandry Management' was organized at Krantisingh Nana Patil Veterinary College, Shirwal from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Total 48 boar husbands and boar entrepreneurs participated in this training. The organizers Dr. Vishwas Salunkhe and Dr. Gokul Sonawane, training coordinator, made special efforts under the guidance of Dr. Milind Meshram, Associate Dean to make the training successful, while Dr. Raju Shelar, Dr. Vidya Nimbalkar and Dr. Vijay Kadam worked as co-coordinators of this training.



*Faculty members with trainees*

### TRAINING PROGRAM ON 'FISH PRODUCTION AND MARKETING' AND BUYER-SELLER MEET IN BY COFS, NAGPUR

A one-day Fish Production Buyer-Seller meet and training program was jointly organized by the College of Fishery Science, Nagpur and the Science and Technology Resource Center (STRC), Gondwana University, Gadchiroli on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2025. Hon'ble Dr. Niteen Patil, Vice-Chancellor, MAFSU, Nagpur, presided over the function. The event was graced by Dr. Prashant Bokare,



Vice-Chancellor, Gondwana University, Gadchiroli, as the Chief Guest. Special guests included Dr. N.V. Kurkure, Director (Research), MAFSU, Nagpur, Dr. A.U. Bhikane, Director (Extension Education), MAFSU, Nagpur, Dr. Sachin Bonde, Dean (Fishery Science), MAFSU, Nagpur and Mrs. Pragati Gokhale, Advisor & Office Head, Rajiv Gandhi Science and Technology Commission, Nagpur Office. The event saw the participation of 180 farmers, along with fish buyers. The event was successfully organized by Dr. P. A. Telvekar, Principal Investigator and Associate Dean, COFS, Nagpur and Mr. Ashish Gharai, Chief Program Officer



*Release of information folder on fish processing and marketing*

### REFRESHER TRAINING ON 'OFFICIAL PROCEDURES AND ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT' FOR ACADEMIC OFFICERS OF MAFSU, NAGPUR

The Maharashtra Animal and Fishery Sciences University, Nagpur organized Refresher Training on 'Official Procedures and Account Management' for academic officers during 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 at VANAMATI, Nagpur. Total 39 employees from various constituent colleges participated in the training. The training was Co-ordinated by Dr. Ajay Gawande, Dy. Registrar and Shri Ajay Khutate, Assistant Registrar. The programme was inaugurated by Smt. Mona Thakur, Registrar, MAFSU, Nagpur.



Participants with the University officials

### TRAINING ON 'PROFITABLE DAIRY FARMING' AT COVAS, UDGIR

Three days farmers training programme for Twenty-seven farmers at Pimpri Tq. Udgir adopted village under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan was organized under the guidance of Dr. N. Z. Gaikwad, Associate Dean, COVAS, Udgir from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Dr. P. V. Patil, training co-ordinator and Nodal officer of Pimpri village, and Dr. M. K. Patil, Co-coordinator took efforts for successful organization of the training programme with the help of Dr. P. S. Masare, Co-ordinator of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan.



Participants with organizing committee and Dr. N.Z. Gaikwad, Associate Dean

### TRAINING ON 'MANAGEMENT OF LAMENESS IN DAIRY ANIMALS' AT KNPVCs, SHIRWAL

Training programme on 'Management of lameness in dairy animals' was jointly organized by KNPVC, Shirwal and the Training and Educational Centre of Indian Agricultural Research – IVRI, Pune from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025. In this training, 26 veterinary officers from Maharashtra and Gujarat along with postgraduate students underwent training. Dr. Niteen Patil, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, MAFSU and Dr. Anil Bhikane, Director Extension Education, MAFSU, Nagpur graced the concluding ceremony.



Release of compendium by dignitaries

## TRAINING ON CLEAN MILK & MEAT PRODUCTION BY MVC, MUMBAI

The Department of Veterinary Public Health organized a one-day training for milk and meat producers on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025, at Kololi, Tal. Panhala, Dist. Kolhapur. A total of 33 local producers participated in the training. The event was organized by Dr. R. J. Zende under the guidance of Dr. (Mrs.) S. U. Gulavane, Associate Dean, MVC, Mumbai.

## POULTRY ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING AT COVAS, AKOLA

Five days training programme for Poultry farmers was conducted at COVAS, Akola during 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2025, wherein 15 trainees participated. The programme was coordinated by Dr. M. R. Wade, Associate Professor, Dept. PSC, COVAS, Akola.



Expert delivering lecture

## TRAININGS ON 'VALUE ADDED DAIRY PRODUCTS' BY CDT, UDGIR

College of Dairy Technology, Udgir organized training program on "Value Added Dairy Products" during 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at CDT, Udgir. Total 19 participants from different districts of Maharashtra participated in the training programs. The training was organized by Dr. H. M. Gawande and Dr. N. W. Shinde as Coordinator and Dr. V. K. Lule, Dr. S. D. Kalyankar as Co-coordinator under the guidance of Dr. M. R. Patil Associate Dean, CDT Udgir.



Demonstration of preparation of value added milk products

## MODERN GOAT FARMING TRAINING PROGRAMME AT COVAS, PARBHANI

Three days online 'Modern Goat Farming' Training was organized by Department of Livestock Production Management, COVAS, Parbhani from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2025. E-Certificates were distributed to all 37 trainees. The program was introduced by Dr. M. B. A. Siddiqui, Chief Coordinator and I/c Professor, Livestock Production Management. Dr. V.S. Ingle and Dr. M. D. Kharwadkar, Training Coordinator under the guidance of Dr. S. R. Rajurkar, Associate Dean, COVAS, Parbhani.

## TRAINING AND DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMME ON 'PREPARATION OF VALUE-ADDED FISH PRODUCTS' BY COFS, NAGPUR.

One day training and demonstration programme on 'Preparation of Value-added fish Products' for women self-help group at adopted village, Peth-kaldongari Tal & Dist. Nagpur was conducted by COFS, Nagpur on 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2025. The programme inaugurated by Sarpanch Mrs. Pratibha Bhoyar. The total 24 women from women self-



Demonstration of preparation of value-added fish products



help group of Peth Kaldongari and Vyahad were present for training programme. Shri. S.S Relekar, Associate Professor, Fish Processing Technology, COFS, Nagpur organized the training programme through NSS under the guidance of Dr. P.A. Telvekar Associate Dean, COFS, Nagpur.

### WVS TRAINING AT COVAS UDGIR

College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Udgir in association with World Wide Veterinary Services (WVS India), UK organized three batches of hands on training programme on 'Birth Control in Bitches' during 4<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 17<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and 3<sup>rd</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Total 28 alumni of COVAS, Udgir participated in these training programmes. Dr. Nandkumar Gaikwad, Associate Dean, COVAS, Udgir inaugurated the training programmes in the presence of Dr. Markandeya, former Associate Dean, COVAS, Parbhani, Dr. Shashikant Jadhav, Director of World-Wide Veterinary Services, Dr. Sumant Bedre, Dr. Vaibhav Wagh and Dr. Shiv Prasad, Training Coordinator Dr. Anil Patil, Dr. Raviraj Suryavanshi, Sanitation Inspector of Udgir Nagar Parishad Shri. Umakant Gandre graced the inauguration programme.



Demonstration of Animal Birth Control surgery to participants

### TRAINING PROGRAM ON 'VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC ULTRASONOGRAPHY' AT KNPCVS, SHIRWAL

A hands-on training program on 'Veterinary Diagnostic Ultrasonography' was conducted for 12 trainees at KNPCVS, Shirwal during 05<sup>th</sup> to 07<sup>th</sup> February 2025. Prof. Dr. Mrigank Honparkhe, Ludhiana, Prof. Dr. Adarsh Kumar, Palampur, Prof. Dr. Sarita Gulwane, Dr. Krishna Ingole, Mumbai and Dr. Vishnu Jawane, Pavia, Embryo Transfer Laboratory, Pune acted as guest experts. Dr. Vishwas Salunke and Dr. Kavita Khillare guided the training

program, while coordinators Dr. Ajit Mali, Dr. Rangnekar, Dr. Shelar, co-coordinators Dr. Swami and Dr. Agivale, worked hard to ensure the successful organization of the training program under the guidance of Dr. Milind Meshram, Associate Dean.



Ultrasonography training

### TRAINING ON 'SCIENTIFIC GOAT HUSBANDRY' BY KNPCVS, SHIRWAL

MAFSU, Nagpur, ICAR-NMRI, Hyderabad and KNPCVS, Shirwal jointly organized "One Day Farmer-Scientist Interaction and Scientific Goat Husbandry Training" at Bhangrapani, Akkalkuwa on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025 under the Scheduled Tribe Sub-component Scheme. The program was inaugurated by Dr. Sukhdev Barbuddhe, Director, ICAR-NMRI, Hyderabad in the presence of Dr. Anil Bhikane, Director Extension Education, MAFSU, Nagpur and Dr. Umesh Patil, Dy. Commissioner Animal Husbandry, Nandurbar. Total 330 tribal men and women goat farmers were present for the program. The program coordinator Dr. Sainath Bhokare organized the programme under the guidance of Dr. Milind Meshram, Associate Dean of the college.



Dignitaries during inaugurations of Farmer-Scientist Interaction and Scientific Goat Husbandry Training program

## TRAINING ON "CANINE AND FELINE DIAGNOSTIC ULTRASONOGRAPHY" AT MVC, MUMBAI

Department of ARGO, Mumbai Veterinary College organized a training on "Canine and Feline Diagnostic Ultrasonography" from the 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025, at Veterinary Clinical Complex, MVC, Goregaon. The training was inaugurated by the Associate Dean of MVC, Dr. Sarita Gulavane. Total 20 participants across the country attended the training. Dr. S. U. Gulavane, Dr. V. M. Chariar, Dr. Sunetra Wadake, Dr. N. R. Dagli, Dr. R. J. Chaudhari, Dr. S. M. Gaikwad & Dr. K. H. Ingole guided on different aspects of canine & Feline USG. The Valedictory function was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2025 in the presence of Dr. Shailesh Pethe, Deputy Commissioner of Animal husbandry & Dr. R. V. Gaikwad HOD Medicine, MVC, Dr. Hitesh Swali, Treasurer PPAM.



*Dr. Sunetra with the participants for USG demonstration*

## TRAINING PROGRAM FOR MEAT EXPORTERS BY MVC, MUMBAI

Department of Veterinary Public Health, Mumbai Veterinary College, under the All-India Coordinated Research Project on Post-Harvest Engineering and Technology, sponsored by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi organized Demonstration-cum-Training Program for meat exporters during 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025, at Al Faiz Enterprises, Malegaon, Maharashtra. Dr. R. J. Zende, Professor and Head of Department, led the training sessions. A total of 100 trainees benefited from the program, which was conducted under the guidance of Dr. (Mrs.) S. U. Gulavane, Associate Dean, MVC, Mumbai.

## TRAINING ON 'BASICS OF WILDLIFE HEALTH MANAGEMENT' AT WRTC, NAGPUR

A two-day training session for Range Forest Officers and Assistant Conservators of Forest was held at WRTC, Nagpur, during 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2025. Twenty participants from across Maharashtra gained valuable insights in the subject. Special guest Shri Bandu Dhotre provided perspectives on wildlife conflict. Sessions were conducted by Dr. S.M. Kolangath, Dr. Shalini A.S., and Dr. M.D. Pawshe under the guidance of Dr. Shirish Upadhye, Director, WRTC, Gorewada.



*Review of RFO/ACF training held at WRTC, Nagpur*

## TRAINING ON 'VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING' FOR LADY VETERINARIANS AT MVC, MUMBAI

On account of International Women's Day and as a part of silver jubilee celebrations of MAFSU, the Department of Surgery and Radiology, Mumbai Veterinary College organized a training programme for lady vets on 'Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging for Lady Veterinarians' from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Dr. S. D. Ingole, Associate Dean, MVC inaugurated the training programme. Dr. Jitendra Mohindroo, renowned Veterinary Radiologist, Sonologist and Academician was the invited speaker and special guest of the programme. Ms. Neha Shah, Director HSIL was the



*Release of Manual of the training programme by the dignitaries*



Chief Guest of the inaugural function while Mr. Yogesh Khadke, CEO, Fredun pharmaceuticals was the guest of honour. Dr. G. S. Khandekar, Professor and Head, Department of VSR was the Convener and Dr. R. R. Rohi, Assistant Professor was the course Director of training programme. Total 25 lady veterinary participants from all over India took part in this training programme

### TRAINING ON 'SCIENTIFIC BACKYARD POULTRY FARMING' BY NVC, NAGPUR

The Department of Poultry Science, NVC, Nagpur successfully organized a training programme on 'Scientific Backyard Poultry Farming and Input Distribution' under the ICAR-TSP 2024-25 Project on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025, at Kolitmara village, Tq. Parshivani, Dist. Nagpur. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Niteen Patil, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, MAFSU, Nagpur, as the Chief Guest, along with Dr. Kishor Mankar, Chief Conservator of Forests, Nagpur, as the Guest of Honour. Other dignitaries present were Dr. S.V. Upadhye, Director of Instructions & Dean (Vet), Dr. N. V. Kurkure, Director of Research, Dr. A.U. Bhikane, Director Extension Education, Shri Sanjay Bharti, ACF, Pench Tiger Reserve, Dr. A. P. Somkuwar, Associate Dean, NVC, Nagpur. Training Material and Poultry farming inputs were distributed to 50 tribal women by the dignitaries. Dr. M. M. Kadam and Dr. D.B. Bhaisare, took efforts for successful organization of programme.



*Dignitaries with experts during training programme*

### TRAINING ON 'MODERN GOAT FARMING' AT KNPCVS, SHIRWAL

The project of Modern Goat Farming for Sustainable Livelihood of Scheduled Caste Farmers under MAFSU, Nagpur and Indian Council of Agricultural Research-National Institute of High Security Animal

Diseases, Bhopal was organized at Krantisinh Nana Patil Veterinary College, Shirwal, District Satara and inaugurated by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. Niteen Patil in the presence of Dr. S. Nagarajan, Chief Scientist and Dr. G. Venkatesh, Chief Scientist, Indian Council of Agricultural Research-National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases, Bhopal; Dr. Vikas Vaskar, Associate Dean, KNPCVS, Shirwal and Project Coordinator Dr. P. D. Pawar, Professor Parasitology and Project Coordinator and other senior faculty and staff. The Modern Goat Husbandry training was conducted for 25 Scheduled Caste trainees during 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025.



*Dr. Niteen Patil, Hon'ble Vice - Chancellor addressing the trainees*

### FARMER-SCIENTIST MEET AND SCIENTIFIC GOAT FARMING TRAINING PROGRAM BY KNPCVS, SHIRWAL

KNPCVS, Shirwal in collaboration with ICAR-NMRI, Hyderabad organized one day farmer-scientist meet and scientific goat farming training program at Rajur, Tal Akole, Dist. Ahilyanagar on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2025. Program was inaugurated by Dr. S. B. Barbuddhe, Director, National Meat Research Institute and Dr. Anil Bhikane, Director Extension Education, MAFSU Nagpur in the presence of Dr. Tumbare, Dy. Commissioner of Animal Husbandry, Dist. Ahilyanagar. The programme was graced by Hon'ble MLA of Akole Dr. Kiran Lahamate and Hrishikesh Khande, EC



*Distribution of training kit to the trainees*

member MAFSU, Nagpur. A total of 160 farmers participated in the training program. The program was organized by Dr. G. S. Sonawane, Coordinator under the guidance of Associate Dean Dr. V. S. Waskar.

### TRAININGS FOR PASHUSAKHIS UNDER SMART PROJECT

15-days SMART sponsored residential trainings on 'Goat and Backyard Poultry Farming' were organized under the leadership of Dr. A. U. Bhikane, Director of Extension Education, MAFSU, Nagpur by Dr. Sariput Landge, Project Co-ordinator. The trainings were organized at MVC, Mumbai from 10<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025, at NVC, Nagpur from 7<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>th</sup> March 2025, at COVAS, Udgir from 03<sup>rd</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025, at COVAS, Parbhani from 6<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025, at KNPCVS, Shirwal from 10<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025 and at COVAS, Akola from 10<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2025, Total 150 pashusakhis attended these trainings. Dr. Salil Hande, Dr. Vaishali Banthiya, Dr. S. Wankhede, Dr. Laxmikant Kokate, Dr. Smita Kolhe and Dr. R. V. Raulkar co-ordinated the trainings under the guidance of respective Associate Deans.



*Expert demonstrating Goat Examination to pashusakhis at COVAS, Akola*

### 'BACKYARD POULTRY FARMING' TRAINING AT COVAS UDGIR

A one-day training program sponsored by ICAR-NMRI, Hyderabad was organized on 'Backyard Poultry Farming' was jointly organized by MAFSU, Nagpur and, at the College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Udgir on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2025. The program was inaugurated by Dr. Anil Bhikane, Director Extension Education, MAFSU, Nagpur in the presence of Prof. Dr. Nandkumar Gaikwad, Associate Dean, COVAS, Udgir. The program with 50 beneficiaries was coordinated by Dr. Ram Kulkarni wherein inputs were distributed to the backyard poultry farmers.



*Dignitaries distributing certificates to the participants*

### TRAININGS ON 'DAIRY, POULTRY AND GOAT FARMING' AT COVAS, UDGIR

COVAS, Udgir organized three training programmes of three days duration on 'Dairy Farming' during 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 'Backyard Poultry Farming' during 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2025 and 'Goat farming' during 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 under ICAR-SC-SP project entitled 'Strengthening and development of scientific knowledge among SC-SP beneficiaries towards livestock sector'. The programmes were conducted by Project Coordinator Dr. Ram Kulkarni and Project Co-coordinators Dr. Ravindra Jadhav and Dr. Praful Patil under the guidance of Dr. Nandkumar Gaikwad, Associate Dean of the COVAS, Udgir and under the leadership of Dr. A. U. Bhikane, Director of Extension Education, MAFSU, Nagpur. Total 150 farmers from Nagalgaon, Kasaral, Limbgaon, Janapur, Shirol, Shelhal, Nagalgaon and Pimpri benefited through these trainings.



*Distribution of silage bag, cattle feed and mineral mixture to the participants*

### TRAINING ON FISH PRODUCTION & POST-HARVEST MANAGEMENT BY COFS, NAGPUR.

The training programme was organized by the College of Fisheries Science, Nagpur, during 5<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025. The inaugural session was graced by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, MAFSU, Nagpur Dr. Niteen Patil as Chief Guest. Special Guests included Dr. A.U. Bhikane, Director



of Extension Education and Training, and Dr. S.W. Bonde, Dean (Fish). Shri S.A. Joshi coordinated the programme, ensuring hands-on training for 25 participants from the Vidarbha Fisheries Association, Gondia. The valedictory function on 11<sup>th</sup> March was graced by Dr. S. V. Upadhye, Director of Instructions & Dean, MAFSU, Nagpur as a Chief Guest who distributed certificates to participants.



*Distribution of certificates to the participants*

### TRAINING PROGRAMME ON “CULTURE BASED FISHERIES IN SMALL RESERVOIRS” BY COFS, UDGIR

COFS, Udgir organized three days training programme funded by ATMA, Latur during 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025 under the guidance of Dr. B.R. Kharatmol, Associate Dean, COFS, Udgir. Total 32 trainees participated in the training. Dr. A. S. Kulkarni, Associate Professor, COFS, Udgir acted as a Training Coordinator while Dr. A.T. Markad, Mr. V.B. Sutar and Mr. S.S. Ghatge were Co-coordinators.



*Participants with faculty members of college*

### TRAINING OF FOREST GUARDS AT WRTC, GOREWADA

The WRTC has organized a one-day training session for forest guards from various academies. Total 5 trainings were conducted by WRTC, Gorewada during Jan to March, 2025 wherein total 264 forest officials were trained.



*Dr. Shalini A.S. delivering lecture during training*

### TRAININGS ON ‘ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT’ BY CDT, WARUD

The training programmes were conducted on ‘Entrepreneurship Development in Poultry Farming’ during 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025, ‘Goat Farming and Dairy Farming’ on 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 in Chilwadi, Taluka Pusad, Dist. Yavatmal specifically for scheduled tribe people. This training was inaugurated by Dr. Niteen Patil, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor in the presence of Dr. A. U. Bhikane, Director of Extension, and Dr. N. V. Kurkure, Director of Research. The trainings were attended by 400 beneficiaries. Dr. G. N. Narnaware, acted as Co-ordinator and Dr. P. S. Patil, Co-Coordinator worked hard to plan and organize the event under the guidance of Dr. P. G. Wasnik, Associate Dean, CDT Warud, Pusad.



*Dr. Niteen Patil, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor addressing the gathering*

### TRAINING CUM DEMONSTRATION ON ‘SCIENTIFIC DONKEY FARMING’ AT COVAS, AKOLA

Under ICAR-NRCE funded SCSP project, two training cum Demonstration programmes on ‘Scientific Donkey farming’ were held at COVAS, Akola during 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2025 and 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2025. Total 63 donkey farmers were trained and demonstrated with the first aid management of wounds. The programmes were held under the Chairmanship of Dr. C. H. Pawshe, Associate Dean and coordinated by Dr. P. S. Bankar. The faculty namely, Dr. S. V. Kuralkar, Dr. S. P. Waghmare, Dr. S. G. Deshmukh, Dr. G. J. Panchbhai and Dr. K. Y. Deshpande worked as Resource person.

## TRAINING PROGRAMME UNDER ICAR-TSP PROJECT BY DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL NUTRITION, NVC, NAGPUR AND COVAS, AKOLA

Under ICAR-TSP project at Melghat, the Department of Animal Nutrition, Nagpur Veterinary College in collaboration with COVAS, Akola has organized hands on training for milk products preparation for tribals at Badnapur and Wastapur villages of Tahsil Chikhaldara on 11th March 2025 and at Harisal and Sadrabadi villages of Tahsil Dharni under Melghat tribal region on 24th and 25th March 2025. The awareness was created amongst the tribals for commercial and scientific rearing of goat and poultry. The four day training programme each on scientific goat farming (170 participants), commercial poultry farming (180 participants) were conducted at Dharni Tahsil of Melghat during 24-27 March 2025. The trainings were co-ordinated by Dr. A. P. Dhok, Principal Investigator and faculties of NVC, Nagpur Dr. B. N. Ramteke, Dr. M. R. Jawale, Dr. S. V. Chopde, Dr. K. S. Rathod, Dr. S. R. Badhe and faculties of COVAS, Akola Dr. S. A. Amrutkar, Dr. G. J. Panchbhair, Dr. M. V. Ingawale, Dr. M. R. Wadde, Dr. R. S. Ingole, Dr. S. G. Deshmukh and Dr. K. Y. Deshpande

### TRAININGS ON 'PREPARATION OF MILK PRODUCTS' BY CDT, WARUD

Training program on 'Preparation of Milk Products at Cottage Level' was organized for a self-help group of women in Sawangi village, Taluka Pusad, from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2025, under the UBA Scheme by CDT, Warud. During the training programs, Dr. S. J. Shende, Dr. G. Narnaware and Shri A. B. Wakade guided and demonstrated the preparation of milk products. This program was coordinated by Dr. P. S. Patil, as a UBA coordinator, under the chairmanship of Dr. P. G. Wasnik, Associate Dean, CDT Warud, Pusad.



*Distribution of preapred milk products to  
parrrticipants*

### TRAINING PROGRAMMES ON 'SCIENTIFIC GOAT AND COMMERCIAL POULTRY FARMING' BY COVAS, AKOLA

Two Training programmes on 'Scientific Goat Farming' and 'Commercial Poultry Farming' under ICAR -TSP

sponsored project were held concurrently at village Dharni Dist. Amravati during 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 by COVAS, Akola. The Scientific goat farming training was attended by 170 farmers and coordinated by faculty of college Dr. S. A. Amrutkar, Dr. G. J. Panchbhair, Dr. S. G. Deshmukh and Dr. M. V. Ingawale participated in it. Similarly, the Commercial Poultry farming training was attended by 180 trainees and coordinated by Dr. M. R. Wade, Dr. S. A. Amrutkar, Dr. R. S. Ingole and Dr. K.Y. Deshpande.



## WORKSHOPS/ CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS

### WORKSHOP ON 'PANEER PREPARATION AT COTTAGE LEVEL' BY CDT, UDGIR

On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Savitribai Phule under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, one day workshop on "Paneer preparation at cottage level" was organized on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 at, adopted village Ghonsi, Tal. Udgir, Dist. Latur. Dr. M. R. Patil, Associate Dean, addressed the gathering about role of women in dairy business. Total 45 women participants from Mahila Bachat Gat participated in the program. Dr. P. D. Sawale, Coordinator and Dr. B. G. Nagrale, Co-coordinator, successfully organized the program.



*Demonstration of Paneer preparation at  
cottage level*

### TECHNICAL SEMINAR ON 'HONING SKILLS OF YOUNG VETERINARIANS FOR FUTURE CHALLENGES IN BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH AND PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY' AT COVAS, AKOLA

The Technical Seminar was held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2025 wherein 45 postgraduate students participated. The guest speakers viz. Dr. Pranjali Pore, Scientist-CDFD, Hyderabad and Dr. Pradip Patil, ICMR-NIN, Hyderabad delivered lectures to participants. The seminar was chaired by Dr. C. H. Pawshe, Associate Dean of college and coordinated by Dr. B.P. Kamdi, Dr. P. S. Bankar, Dr. R. S Ingole and Dr. S. W. Hajare.



## ONE DAY WORKSHOP ON 'ONE HEALTH INITIATIVE: RAPID DIAGNOSIS OF ZONOTIC DISEASES' AT COVAS, AKOLA

One day hands-on workshop was organized on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at COVAS, Akola. The programme was held under the chairmanship of Dr. C. H. Pawshe, Associate Dean and coordinated by Dr. S. P. Awandkar, Professor, Department of Veterinary Microbiology, wherein total 38 students and faculty participated.

## NAGPUR VETERINARY COLLEGE HOSTS WORLD ANIMAL NUTRITION CONFERENCE 'WANACON 2025' AND 'FEED TECH EXPO'

The Department of Animal Nutrition, Nagpur Veterinary College under MAFSU in association with Animal Nutrition Association has organized WANACON-2025, World Animal Nutrition Conference on "Newer vistas to animal nutrition research towards climate resilient animal production for livelihood, food and nutritional security" during 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 at Nagpur. More than 400 delegates including scientists, academicians, industry personals, policy makers, field veterinarians, pet practitioners and post graduate students participated in the conference.

The inaugural function of conference was graced by Chief Guest Smt. Pankajatai Munde, Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry, Government Maharashtra; Guests of Honour Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Hon'ble Director General, ICAR, New Delhi; Dr. Raghvendra Bhatta, Hon'ble Deputy Director General, ICAR, New Delhi; Dr. DVR Prakasha Rao, Hon'ble President, National Academy of Veterinary Science, New Delhi; Dr. Niteen Patil, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, MAFSU, Nagpur; Dr. Ramaswamy N., Hon'ble Secretary, ADF, Govt. of Maharashtra; Dr. Pravinkumar



*Smt. Pankajatai Munde inaugurating the WANACON-2025*

Deore, Hon'ble Commissioner, AHD, Govt. of Maharashtra; Dr. LC Chaudhary, President, Animal Nutrition Association, IVRI, Bareilly; Dr. SK Saha, General Secretary, Animal Nutrition Association, IVRI, Bareilly. The compendium of Abstract, Lead papers and Souvenir were released at hands of dignitaries.

Various sessions organized were Industry insight session, Plenary session with National Institute Heads, Animal Nutrition, Climate and Resilience, Molecular Nutrition, Feed Resource and Technology, Aqua Nutrition, Wildlife Nutrition, Nutrition for Health and wellbeing and Academia-Farmers-Industry Interface.



*Prof. Joseph McFadden, Cornell University, USA presenting the Lead Paper*

National quiz was organized for PG and Ph.D. students across the country on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025. The team from ICAR-NDRI, Karnal stood first and team from ICAR-IVRI, Bareilly was the runner up. Feed Tech Expo, a standout event in the conference was organized on all the three days, showcasing different feed technologies, advanced laboratory analytical instruments, and the feed-food products of leading multinationals and prospective regional industries in the cattle, poultry, pet, and fisheries sector. The valedictory session was graced by the dignitaries Dr. RRB Singh, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, CGKV, Durg; Dr. Niteen Patil, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, MAFSU, Nagpur; Dr. S. B. Barbuddhe, Hon'ble Director, ICAR-NMRI, Hyderabad; Dr. A. K. Tyagi, Hon'ble ADG (AN&P), ICAR, New Delhi; Shri Sudhir Dive, Hon'ble EC Member, MAFSU, Nagpur; Dr. Shirish Upadhye, DI and Dean (Vet), MAFSU, Nagpur; Dr. Nitin Kurkure, Director of Research, MAFSU, Nagpur; Dr. Anil Bhikane, Director of Extension Education, MAFSU, Nagpur; Dr. A. P. Somkuwar, Associate Dean, NVC, Nagpur; Dr. LC Chaudhary, President, ANA, IVRI, Bareilly; Dr. SK Saha, General Secretary, ANA, IVRI, Bareilly.

The WANACON 2025 and Feed Tech Expo was organized by Organizing Secretary Dr. Atul Dhok, Professor, Co-organizing Secretaries Dr. Shital Chopde and Dr. Mahesh Jawale, Joint Organizing Secretaries Dr. K.Y. Deshpande and Dr. M. M. Kadam, Treasurer Dr. Pradney Taksande, and Joint Treasurer Dr. Shweta Lende under the guidance of Dr. B. N. Ramteke, Professor and Head, Animal Nutrition, NVC, Nagpur and Dr. A. P. Somkuwar, Associate Dean, NVC, Nagpur.



*Visit of Smt. Pankajatai Munde and other dignitaries to Feed Tech Expo*

### SEMINAR SERIES 'VETSPHERE SHAPING FUTURE' AT KNPCVS, SHIRWAL

An interactive session on 'From Passion to Profession: Making Your Mark in the Private Sector' was organized on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at KNPCVS, Shirwal. Dr. Ruturaj Patil, Regional Head (Technical Services) – South Asia, EW Nutrition GmbH, Visbek, Germany interacted with students. The session was arranged by Dr. C. D. Bhong, Co-ordinator student's placement cell under the leadership of Dr MD Meshram, Associate Dean.



*Dr Ruturaj Patil interacting with students of KNPCVS, Shirwal*

### TECHNICAL WORKSHOP ON 'SMALL ANIMAL CARDIOLOGY- OVERVIEW OF ECG AND 2D ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY' AT COVAS, AKOLA

Workshop was held on 5<sup>th</sup> Feb.2025, wherein 31 staff and students participated. The programme was coordinated by Dr. S. P. Waghmare, Dr. D. A. Pawalkar, Dr. K. S. Pajai and Dr. Gayatri Wankhede, TVCC, COVAS, Akola.



*Demonstration of ECG and 2D Echocardiography in small animal*

### WORKSHOP CUM SEMINAR ON 'SPECIALIZED SURGERIES IN CANINES' AT NVC, NAGPUR

The workshop cum seminar was organized on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025. A total 15 faculty members, 12 post-graduate and 60 undergraduate students attended the Workshop and 25 faculty members, 22 postgraduates and 85 undergraduate students were present for the seminar. Dr. S.V. Upadhye, Director of Instructions and Dean (Vet. Sci), MAFSU, Nagpur and Dr. A. P. Somkuwar, Associate Dean, NVC, Nagpur were present with Dr. Ravi Murarka, who demonstrated the specialized surgeries on pet animals with advance anaesthetic protocol.



*Dr. Ravi Murarka, demonstrating the specialized surgeries on pet animals*

### WORKSHOP ON 'NATIONAL PENSION SCHEME AND UNIFIED PENSION SCHEME' AT MAFSU, NAGPUR

The workshop in hybrid mode was held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at University Headquarter in Nagpur. Shri. Shailesh Kothe, Account Officer (Pay Fixation Unit), Nagpur was the guest speaker. The workshop was organized by MAFSU, Nagpur under the Chairmanship of Smt. Mona Thakur, Registrar, MAFSU, Nagpur. The event was graced by Smt. Manisha Shende, Comptroller, MAFSU, Nagpur. The workshop was co-ordinated by Shri Ajay Khutate, Assistant Registrar and Sau. Sujata Asrani, Assistant Section Officer.



## ONE DAY WORKSHOP ON 'SMALL ANIMAL SOFT TISSUE SURGERY & CANINE DENTISTRY' AT COVAS, AKOLA

The one day workshop cum demonstration was held on 25<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2025. The programme was held under the chairmanship of Dr. C. H. Pawshe, Associate Dean and co-chairmanship of Dr. M. G. Thorat and Dr. S.P. Waghmare. Dr. R. V. Raulkar worked as Organizing secretary for the workshop that was attended by 40 staff and students.

## ONE DAY SCIENTIST FARMERS MEET BY COVAS, UDGIR

A one day Scientist Farmers meet was organized under ICAR-TSP by COVAS, Udgir in collaboration with NMRI, Hyderabad and in association with Department of Animal Husbandry, Maharashtra at Kinwat, Dist. Nanded on 09<sup>th</sup> March 2025. On this occasion, seminar on 'Scientific Goat Farming' was organized under the guidance of Dr. Nandkumar Gaikwad, Associate Dean. Dr. Niteen Patil Hon'ble Vice - Chancellor, MAFSU, Nagpur was president & Dr. S. B. Barbudhe, Director, National Meat Research Institute, Hyderabad was chief guest of the programme. Dr. Nitin Kurkure, Director Research, Dr. Anil Bhikane, Director of Extension Education, Dr. Baswa Reddy, Chief Scientist NMRI, Hyderabad, Dr. Nana Sonawane, RJC, Latur Division, Dr. Rajkumar Padile, DCAH, Nanded and Dr. Prakashkumar Ghule, DAHO, Nanded were present for the programme.



*Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. Niteen Patil addressing the farmers at Kinwat*

## AWARENESS PROGRAM FOR FOREIGN BODY SYNDROME IN CATTLE AND BUFFALO AT KINWAT

College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Udgir launched an Awareness-cum-Control Program for Foreign Body Syndrome in cattle and buffalo under the Scheduled Tribes scheme at Navakheda village of Kinwat taluka of Nanded District on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025. The program was

inaugurated by Dr. Niteen Patil, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, MAFSU, Nagpur in the presence of Dr. Nitin Kurkure, Director of Research and Dr. Anil Bhikane, Director of Extension Education. Dr. Sanjeev Pitlawar, Project Coordinator organized the programme under the guidance of Dr. Nandkumar Gaikwad, Associate Dean of COVAS Udgir. Total 100 participants, including farmers and livestock owners, attended the program. Exposure visit for 28 farmers from villages of tribal region was organized on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at COVAS, Udgir.



*Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. Niteen Patil addressing the gathering*

## WORKSHOP ON 'EMPOWERING WOMEN IN THE LIVESTOCK SECTOR' AT NVC, NAGPUR

Farmer-Scientist Meet and Kisan Goshti was organized on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025, under the chairmanship of Dr. A.P. Somkuwar, Associate Dean, Nagpur Veterinary College, Nagpur to recognize and celebrate the invaluable contributions of women in the livestock sector. The entire event was effectively coordinated by Dr. Sonali D. Borkar, Assistant Professor, NVC, Nagpur. Her efforts were further supported by UBA Coordinators Dr. Vaishali Bantiya and Dr. Mukund Kadam.



*Distribution of certificates to the participants of the workshop*

## WORKSHOP ON 'TRANSFER OF LOW INPUT TECHNOLOGY' AT COVAS, AKOLA

One day workshop was held on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2025, wherein 30 women participated. The programme was coordinated by Dr. M. R. Wade, Dr. S. J. Manwar, Dr. S. A. Amrutkar, Dr. D. M. Badukale and Dr. G. J. Panchbhai.



*Dr. A. U. Bhikane, Director Extension Education, giving MAFSU Diary to the participant*

## WORKSHOP ON 'ZOOONOTIC DISEASE : ONE HEALTH APPROACH' AT COVAS, PARBHANI

Under the One Health Project, funded by the RGSTC, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai, the Department of Veterinary Public Health and Epidemiology, COVAS Parbhani, held two one-day workshops on 21<sup>st</sup> March and 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2025, entitled 'Zoonotic Diseases: One Health Approach'. The programs were attended by 74 livestock producers from the Beed district's Kej, Parali, and Ambejogai Talukas. Staff members Dr. R. N. Waghmare, Dr. G. M. Chigure, Dr. A. P. Patil, Dr. S. V. Londhe and Dr. Meera Sakhare contributed for successful organization of the workshops under the guidance of Associate Dean, Dr. S. R. Rajurkar.



*Participants of the workshop*

## SEMINAR ON THE OCCASION OF 'WORLD TUBERCULOSIS DAY 2025' AT MVC, MUMBAI

One day seminar was organized on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025 under ICAR-NIVEDI and MAFSU collaborative

project entitled "Estimates of Risk and Assessment of the Burden of Zoonotic TB in India (ERAZTB)" by Department of Veterinary Public Health and Veterinary Microbiology, MVC, Mumbai. Dr. S. D. Ingole, Associate Dean was present as President of function. Dr. V. M. Vaidya, Professor and Co-PI., MVC and Dr. R. R. Pharande, Associate Professor and Co-PI were organizing secretaries. Dr. R. J. Zende Professor and Principal Investigator, Dr. Nayana Ingole, Professor, Topiwala National Medical College and Bai Yamunabai Laxman Nair Charitable Hospital Mumbai, Dr. Rajashree Gandge, Department of Veterinary Microbiology at MVC, Mumbai guided 60 participants including faculty and students.



*Dr. R. J. Zende delivering lecture during the seminar*



## ANIMAL HEALTH CAMPS

### ANIMAL HEALTH CAMPS BY KNPCVS, SHIRWAL

KNPCVS, Shirwal organized animal health camps in operational villages under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan at Shivajinagar on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 and at Jawale on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025 under the guidance of Dr. Vikas Vaskar, Associate Dean of the college. A total of 358 animals were dewormed, vaccinated and treated for various ailments. Dr. Vitthal Dhaygude, Dr. Uma Tumlam, Dr. Raju Shelar, Dr.



*Deworming of animals at adopted village Jawale*



Santosh Swami, Dr. Satyawan Agivale, Dr. Nalband, Veterinary Officer, Khandala, Dr. Akshay Mote, Dr. Rishikesh Oval, Veterinary Officers, Loham and Palashi worked hard for animal health camp.

### ANIMAL HEALTH CAMP UNDER UBA BY MVC, MUMBAI

Animal Fair and Animal Health Camp was organized in the Awas village of Raigad on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025. Experts from Mumbai Veterinary College and Animal Husbandry Dept., Zilla Parishad, Raigad acted as experts to judge the animals during Animal Fair. More than 200 Livestock owners participated in the fair. During this event anti-rabies vaccination, infertility treatment and other treatments were carried out by team of experts from MVC, Mumbai along with PG students.



*Examination of animal during camp*

### KAIKADI DONKEY VACCINATION AND HEALTH CAMP HELD AT AKOLA

Under ICAR SCSP Project funded by ICAR NRCE, a health checkup and vaccination camp for Kaikadi donkeys was organized at village Mhaisang, Dist. Akola on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2025. A total of 26 cases were treated for injuries and TT vaccination, along with the distribution of first aid kits to donkey owners. The camp was organized by Dr. S P. Waghmare and Dr. P. S. Bankar and project workers, postgraduate students



*PG student vaccinating the donkey*

### ANIMAL HEALTH CAMPS BY COVAS, UDGIR

COVAS, Udgir organized 04 Animal Health camps during Jan-March 2025 in Udgir Taluka and total 442 animals were treated for different ailments and 1211 animals were sprayed for ecto-parasitic control by Dr. S. S. Ghoke, Professor, Veterinary Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine and Post Graduate students.



## EXHIBITIONS

### PARTICIPATION OF COVAS, CDT AND COFS, UDGIR AT PASHU PAKSHI PRADARSHANI AT UDGIR

COVAS, Udgir, CDT, Udgir and COFS, Udgir participated in the Livestock Exhibition organized on the occasion of Shri. Hawgiswami Yatra Mahotsav at Udgir on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. More than 500 visitors, including farmers, youth, students, milkmen, entrepreneurs, visited the stalls. Dr. P. D. Sawale from CDT, Udgir, Dr. A.S. Kulkarni and Dr. S.N. Kunjir, from COFS, Udgir acted as Coordinators. Dr. P. V. Patil, Dr. M. K. Patil, Dr. V. N. Khandait from COVAS, Udgir participated in the Livestock Exhibition as Judges.



*College Stalls during the Exhibition*

### PARTICIPATION OF MVC, MUMBAI IN LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY EXHIBITION AT THANE

The Department of Veterinary Public Health, MVC, Mumbai participated in a District-Level Livestock and Poultry Exhibition held at Bapgaon, Bhiwandi in Dist. Thane on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2025. In this event, innovative technologies developed under the ICAR- All India Coordinated Research Project on Post-Harvest Engineering and Technology were displayed. Dr. Sangram Chavan, Mr. Suren Tambe and Mr. Santosh Kumar Kori, provided detailed information to visitors.



*Staff members providing information to dignitaries and other citizens visiting the stall*

### SAHYADRI ANIMAL AND AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION 2025

The state-level grand Sahyadri Animal and Agricultural Exhibition 2025 was jointly organized by Krantisinh Nana Patil Veterinary College, Shirwal, in collaboration with Sammanji Foundation, Shirwal during 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025. The exhibition was inaugurated on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2025, by Shri Makarand Aba Patil, Hon'ble Relief and Rehabilitation Minister, Maharashtra State. The president of the program was Dr. Niteen Patil, Hon'ble, Vice Chancellor of MAFSU and special guest was Hon'ble Dr. Arun Kumar Tomar, Director, National Sheep and Wool Research Center, Rajasthan. The other dignitaries present were Dr. Shirish Upadhye, Director of Instructions and Dean Vet, Dr. Sachin Bonde, Dean (Fisheries), Dr. Nitin Kurkure, Director of Research and Dr. Anil Bhikane, Director of Extension Education, Rajesh Wankhede and Shri Niranjana Gaikwad, Hon'ble Executive Council members of MAFSU, Nagpur. The Sahyadri Animal and Bird Exhibition was coordinated by Shri. Mangesh Khandagale under the guidance of Dr. Milind Meshram, Associate Dean, KNPVC, Shirwal and Shri Sandeep Gole, Founder President, Sammanji Foundation, Shirwal.



*Inauguration of Sahyadri Exhibition by the hands of dignitaries*



## CELEBRATIONS

### CELEBRATION OF ANIMAL WELFARE FORTNIGHT BY NVC, NAGPUR

Nagpur Veterinary College, Nagpur celebrated the Animal Welfare Fortnight during 14<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2025 at Veterinary Clinical Complex, Nagpur. The UG, PG and Ph.D. students took an active part and displayed 54 posters on Animal Welfare to create Awareness amongst the pet owners and livestock owners. The event was inaugurated by Dr. A. U. Bhikane, Director of Extension, MAFSU, Nagpur and Dr. A. P. Somkuwar, Associate Dean, Nagpur Veterinary College, Nagpur. The events were coordinated by Dr. G. R. Bhojne along with Dr. V. M. Dhoot, Dr. S. B. Akhare, Dr. D. S. Raghuvanshi and Dr. Chetan Lakde.



*Display of posters on Animal Welfare at NVC, Nagpur*

### CELEBRATION OF 75TH REPUBLIC DAY

Dr. N. V. Patil, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, MAFSU hoisted the National Flag on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at the University Headquarters. All the Associate Deans hoisted the National Flag at their colleges. Various programmes like reading of "Constitution Preamble", cleanliness drive etc were organized at colleges.



*Dr. N. V. Patil, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor hoisting National Flag*



## CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY-2025

On the occasion of National Science Day 2025, Department of Animal Genetics & Breeding, NVC, Nagpur, in collaboration with Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, organized competitions like Working Model on Science Project, Science Exhibition and Chart Preparation on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 for students of ZP school, Parsodi, Tal. Saoner, Dist. Nagpur. The Program was coordinated by Dr. Kranti Kharkar under the guidance of Dr. A. P. Somkuwar, Associate Dean, NVC, Nagpur. In another event, COFS, Nagpur, organized the lecture to commemorate the discovery of the Raman Effect by Indian physicist Sir C.V. Raman. The programme was organized by Dr. G.J.K. Pathan and Shri. S.S. Relekar under the guidance of Dr. P. A. Televekar, Associate Dean, College of Fishery Science, Nagpur.



*Students participation in chart preparation competition*

## CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN DAY

International Women's Day was celebrated on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at constituent colleges of MAFSU.

A seminar for students & staff was organized on the theme 'Stronger Her, Healthier Future' at MVC, Mumbai. The event was graced by Dr. Sangeeta Shingatgeri, Senior Faculty & HOD of Obs. and Gyn., Bhabha Hospital Bandra, Mrs. Savita Pethe, Marathon runner and Nirbhaya Squad, a team of women police officers dedicated to Women's safety. NVC, Nagpur celebrated International Women's Day 2025, under the theme "For All Women and Girls: Rights, Equality and Empowerment". COVAS, Udgir hosted a successful Health Check-up Camp in collaboration with Civil Hospital Udgir, benefiting 65 individuals comprised of 40 girl students and 25 Pashusakhis. The Day was also celebrated at Rajmata Jijau Girls Hostel, Udgir by organizing lecture of motivational speaker, Prof. Dr. M B Swami on "Empowered women, Empower the world" and "Sahaj Yoga Meditation Programme" for girl students of Veterinary, Fishery and Dairy Technology College, Udgir. COVAS, Parbhani celebrated World Women's Day with an inspiring program themed "Accelerate Action." The event featured distinguished speakers including Chief

Guest Police Sub Inspector Swati Kawale. COFS, Nagpur celebrated the day under the theme "Bold Mind, Brave Heart, Boundless Future: As the World Transforms with Information. KVK, Thane organized a workshop on "Pashusawardhan Kukkutpalan : Artharjanachya Wata" wherein 42 women participated. KVK, Nagpur organized symposium on 'Importance of Animal Food in Women's diet' at Saoner Taluka.



*Staff & students with Police Sub Inspector Swati Kawale at COVAS, Parbhani*



*Celebration of World Women Day by KVK, Nagpur at Saoner*

## CELEBRATION OF WORLD FOREST DAY AT VETERINARY COLLEGE, SHIRWAL

On 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025, World Forest Day was celebrated by planting trees at the hands of Dr. Vikas Vaskar, Associate Dean of the Krantisinh Nana Patil Veterinary College, Shirwal, in collaboration with Department of Forest, Satara. On this occasion, the Associate Dean administered the World Forest Day oath to all the students and officers present.



## KVK ACTIVITIES

### KVK, SANGLI

- Scientist visits to farmers' fields (two programs) and one program under Swachhata action plan were organized during March, 2025 in different villages of Tal. Kadegon, Dist Sangli.

Dr. D. T. Sakunde, Dr. S. M. Bhokare, Dr. G. S. Sonawane and Dr. V. G. Nimbalkar, jointly organized activities of KVK under the guidance of Dr. A.H. Ulemale, Senior Scientist & Head, KVK, Tadsar, Dist. Sangli.



Scientist visits during Swachhata Action Plan Programme at village Soholi Tal. Kadegaon

### KVK, NAGPUR

- A farmer's meet was organized on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at Dudhbardi, Tal. Kalmeshwar, Dist Nagpur.
- Two days residential training was organized for farmers on 'Entrepreneurship Development' at Shetkari Bhavan, KVK, Nagpur in collaboration with Maharashtra Sahakari Vikas Mahamandal Maryadit during 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025.
- Seven days training program was organized on 'Scientific Bee Keeping' at Shetkari bhavan, MAFSU in collaboration with National Beekeeping and Honey Mission from 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

Dr. Shweta Lende and Dr. Gajanan Ambhore organized these programmes under the guidance of Dr. Sariput Landge, Senior Scientist and Head, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Dudhbardi, Tal. Kalmeshwar, Dist. Nagpur.



Demonstration of Scientific Bee Keeping

### KVK, THANE

- One-day training program was organized on "Pashusawardhan, kukkutapaln ani Naisargik sheti" at village Navgaon, Taluka Kalyan, Dist. Thane on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025 in collaboration with ATMA, Thane.

Dr. Mayura Gole organized this programme under the guidance of Dr. Suresh Jagdale, Senior Scientist and Head, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Nagaon, Tal. Murbad, Dist. Thane.



Dr. Mayura Gole guiding the participants



## OTHER ACTIVITIES

### FARMERS-SCIENTIST MEET FOR GOAT FARMERS BY COVAS, AKOLA

ICAR-NRCM funded "Farmers-Scientist meet for goat farmers" was held at Dharni, Dist. Amravati during 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2025. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. N. V. Patil, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, MAFSU, Nagpur; and graced with the august presence of Dr. S. B. Barbuddhe, Director, ICAR-NRC Meet, Hyderabad, Dr. A. U. Bhikane, Director of Extension Education, MAFSU, Nagpur, Dr. P. Basawa Reddy, Scientist, NRCM, Hyderabad, Dr. Yesudev Wanjari, RJC, Amravati; Dr. K. R. Tajne, Ex-Principal, Vet. College, Dantewada, Gujarat; Dr. Purshottam Solanke, DAHO, Amravati. The programme was held under the guidance of Dr. C. H. Pawshe, Associate Dean and coordinated by Dr. S. A. Amrutkar. Total 150 goat farmers participated in meet and interacted with scientists. Farmers also visited the Exhibition stalls arranged by organizers.



Dr. N. V. Patil, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, MAFSU, Nagpur addressing the farmers



## FARMERS-SCIENTIST MEET FOR LESSER KNOWN ANGR BY COVAS, AKOLA

Farmers-Scientist meets for lesser known AnGR viz. Melghati cattle and buffalo were held under ICAR NBAGR Network project, COVAS, Akola, in Ghatang village, Chikhaldara on 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan. 2025 and Babanda, Dharni tahsil of Amravati district on 4<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2025. Which was attended by 38 melghati cattle & buffalo owners. The programme was graced with the august presence of Dr. N. V. Patil, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, MAFSU, Nagpur; Dr. S. B. Barbuddhe, Director, ICAR-NRC Meet, Hyderabad, Dr. K. R. Tajne, Ex-Principal, Vet. College, Dantewada, Gujarat; Dr. A. U. Bhikane, Director of Extension Education, MAFSU, Nagpur, Dr. P. Basawa Reddy, Scientist, NRCM, Hyderabad. Awareness camps for lesser known AnGR were organized during Jan-March 2025 by Project Workers. The programme was held under the chairmanship of Dr. C. H. Pawshe, Associate Dean and coordinated by PI of project Dr. S. V. Kuralkar as well as Co-PIs Dr. P. S. Bankar and Dr. P. S. Kuralkar.



*Felicitatation of livestock owner by Dr. N. V. Patil, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, MAFSU, Nagpur*

## SCIENTIST FARMERS FORUM BY COFS, UDGIR

COFS, Udgir organized Scientist Farmers Forum at Haibatpur Tq. Udgir, Dist. Latur on 07<sup>th</sup> February 2025. Dr. A. S. Kulkarni, Associate Professor delivered talk on "Fish farming – Profitable venture". Total 20 farmers from local farmers group participated in the programme. Dr. M. M. Girkar and Dr. S. N. Kunjir, Associate Professor addressed the farmers queries.



*Dr. A. S. Kulkarni delivering lecture*

## ZOONOSSES AWARENESS PROGRAMS AND DISTRIBUTION OF HYGIENIC KITS BY MVC, MUMBAI

One day Zoonoses Awareness Programs were organized under Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi project entitled "All India Network Programme on One Health Approach to Zoonotic Diseases" at Mahal, District, Raigad on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and at Dahanu, District, Palghar on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2025. Hygienic Kits were distributed to 84 beneficiaries in collaboration with Department of Animal Husbandry. Dr. Prashant Kamble, Regional Joint Commissioner of Animal Husbandry, Konkan Region, Mumbai was the Chief Guest for the programme at Mahal, Dist. Raigad and Dr. Bhuvaneshwar Borkar, DDCAH, Palghar was the Chief Guest of the Program at Dahanu. Dr. Vilas Vaidya, Professor and Principal Investigator of the project conducted the programme under the guidance of Dr. Sarita Gulavane, Associate Dean, MVC, Mumbai and Dr. Ravindra Zende, Professor and Head and Co-Principal Investigator of the project.



*Distribution of Hygiene Kits to the beneficiary*

## GAOLAO BUFFALO FARMERS SCIENTIST MEET BY COVAS, AKOLA

A farmer scientist meet of Gaolao buffalo farmers was held on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 at village Belona, Tal. Kalamb, Dist. Yawatmal, wherein 60 farmers participated. The programme was inaugurated at the hands of Dr. N. V. Patil, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, MAFSU, Nagpur and graced with the presence of Dr. A. U. Bhikane, DEE, MAFSU, Nagpur; Dr. Vijay Rahate, DDAH, Yawatmal; Dr. Kranti Katole, DAHO, Yawatmal and Dr. C. H. Pawshe, Associate Dean, COVAS, Akola. The programme was organized under ICAR NBAGR Network project and coordinated by Dr. S. V. Kuralkar and co-coordinated by Dr. P. S. Bankar and Dr. Prajakta Kuralkar.



*Felicitation of Dr. N. V. Patil, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, MAFSU, Nagpur*

### FISH SEED RANCHING PROGRAMME

The College of Fishery Science, Nagpur conducted Fish seed ranching Programme on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025 along with water testing activity at Nadera Dam, Peth-kaldongari, under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan. Total 700 fish fingerlings were ranched in the dam. The programme was organized by Dr. J.G.K. Pathan and Shri. S.S. Relekar under the guidance of Dr. P.A. Telvekar, Associate Dean, College of Fishery Science, Nagpur.



*Fish seed ranching at Nadera Dam, Peth-kaldongari, Nagpur*

### STUDENTS VISIT TO FISH SEED PRODUCTION CENTER OF COFS, NAGPUR

Students of Dharampeth Science College, Nagpur, Bhavan's B.P. Vidya Mandir, Koradi, Nagpur, Swaminarayan School, Wardhman Nagar, Nagpur, Vidya Vikas Arts, Commerce & Science College, Samudrapur Dist. Wardha and L.A.D. College for Women's, Nagpur visited Fish Seed Production Center of the COFS, Nagpur during Jan-March 2025. The visits were coordinated by Shri A. K. Kulkarni, Fishery Field Assistant and Prof. Dr. S. S. Belsare, Officer In-charge Fish Seed production Unit, COFS, Nagpur under the guidance of Dr. P. A. Telvekar, Associate Dean, COFS, Nagpur.



*Shri A. K. Kulkarni guiding students*



## EMPLOYEES CORNER

### SUPERANNUATION OF PROF. (DR.) MRS. S. U. GULAVANE

On 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025, Mumbai Veterinary College bid a heartfelt adieu to beloved Dr. (Mrs). S.U. Gulavane, Associate Dean, MVC, Mumbai, who also happens to be the first female to achieve this position in the history of the college. Dr. S. D. Ingole, Professor and Head, Department of Physiology took over the change of Associate Dean on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025.



*Felicitation of Dr. S. U. Gulavane by Dr. S. D. Ingole & the Staff of MVC, Mumbai*



## NSS/NCC ACTIVITIES

### ORGANIZATION OF SEVEN DAYS SPECIAL RESIDENTIAL CAMP UNDER NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS) BY CONSTITUENT COLLEGES OF MAFSU

Seven days special residential camps under National Service Scheme (NSS) were organized by MVC, Mumbai, NVC, Nagpur, COVAS, Parbhani, COVAS, Udgir,



KNPCVS, Shirwal, CDT, Warud, CDT, Udgir, COFS, Nagpur and COFS, Udgir during Jan-March 2025 at villages Kosbad, Kaniyadol (Kokarda), Wangi, Dongarshelki, Naigaon, Bansi, Ghonsi, Peth Kaldongari and Haibatpur respectively.

NSS Program Officers Dr. N. R. Dagli, MVC, Mumbai, Dr. V. V. Banthiya, NVC, Nagpur, Dr. K. K. Khose, COVAS, Parbhani, Dr. S. G. Chavhan, COVAS, Udgir, Dr. M.P. Nande, Dr. S. S. Deosarkar, CDT, Warud, Dr. V. K. Lule, CDT, Udgir, Shri. S. S. Relekar, COFS, Nagpur and Dr. M. M. Girkar, COFS, Udgir conducted NSS special camps under the guidance of Dr. Sarita Gulavane, Dr. A. P. Somkuwar, Dr. S. R. Rajurkar, Dr. N. Z. Gaikwad, Dr. M. D. Meshram, Dr. P. G. Wasnik, Dr. M. R. Patil, Dr. P. A. Telvekar and Dr. B. R. Kharatmol, Associate Deans of respective colleges.

### 1 MAHARASHTRA R & V SQN NCC CADETS FELICITATED FOR RDC ACHIEVEMENTS

Cadets from 1 Maharashtra R & V Sqn NCC, Nagpur who proudly represented the Nagpur Group at the Republic Day Camp (RDC) 2025, showcasing their exceptional equestrian skills, were felicitated on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2025, during a prestigious ceremony held at Headquarters Maintenance Command, Indian Air Force. The event was graced by Air Vice Marshal V. S. Chaudhary AVSM VM, Senior Air and Administrative Staff Officer, HQMC, IAF as the Chief Guest who lauded the cadets for their dedication, discipline, and commitment to national service.



*Cadets from 1 Maharashtra R & V Sqn NCC, Nagpur during felicitation*



## STUDENTS CORNER

### LATE SHRI ABHIJEET MARATHE CRICKET TOURNAMENT AT MVC, MUMBAI

The Late Shri Abhijeet Marathe Cricket Tournament was held at MVC Lords Ground, Mumbai Veterinary College, from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025. The inaugural ceremony was

graced by the esteemed Chief Guest, Hon'ble Dr. Sandip Ingle, Vice President of the VCI and Executive Council member of MAFSU, Nagpur. Other notable dignitaries included Dr. Sarita Gulavane, Associate Dean of the college, and Dr. S. V. Gaikwad, Sports In-charge of Mumbai Veterinary College, along with Dr. R. V. Gaikwad and Dr. Suresh Jagdale and faculty members of MVC, Mumbai.



*Inauguration of Late Abhijeet Marathe Cricket Tournament*

### MR. SUJAY SALUNKHE NSS VOLUNTEER BAGGED 2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE IN PRERNA

Sujay Salunkhe and Vrundavani More, 3<sup>rd</sup> year students from KNPCVS, Shirwal, represented MAFSU, Nagpur in PRERNA, a state-level leadership development camp held at Solapur University during 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025. Sujay Salunkhe represent college NSS activity and bagged 2nd prize among 25 universities.

### EXPOSURE VISIT

B.F.Sc. Final year students of COFS, Udgir visited Limbati reservoir under Rural Fisheries Work Experience (Student READY Programme) on 04<sup>th</sup> March 2025. The students gained practical exposure about modern aquaculture practices like cage culture and also circular carp hatchery, Seed and brood stock pond management. Dr. A. S. Kulkarni, RFW coordinator and Dr. S.N. Kunjir, Associate Professor, accompanied the students.



*Students during exposure visit at Limbati reservoir*



## RESEARCH

- The Rajiv Gandhi Science and Technology Commission, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai under Assistance for Science and Technology Applications, sanctioned a research project entitled "Communicating the Risk of Zoonoses and Parasitic Disease Burden Among Sheep and Goat Farmers: One Health Approach", to the Department of Veterinary Public Health and Epidemiology, College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Parbhani with a budget of Rs 48.27 Lakhs to Dr. R. N. Waghmare, Principal Investigator.
- The project entitled "Diversity of Indigenous Exotic fish population in buffer part of Pench River in Pench, Maharashtra with a total outlay of 28.00 Lakhs is sanctioned by office of Forest Conservator and Field Director, Pench Tiger Reserve, Nagpur on 12<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2025 to Dr. P. A. Telvekar, Principal Investigator & Associate Dean, College of Fishery Science, Nagpur.



## VISIT OF DIGNITARIES

### VISIT OF CENTRAL TEAM TO GOREWADA RESCUE CENTRE

- A thorough evaluation of Avian Influenza at the Gorewada Rescue Centre in Nagpur was conducted by a team from Central India during 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025. The team included Dr. B. Anukumar from NIV, Kerala, Dr. Saurabh Goel from IDSP, NCDC, Dr. Sunil Sharma from AiG Wildlife, Dr. Arzoo Meshram, an EIS Officer at NCDC.



Central India team, NISHAD Team at WRTC, Nagpur

Dr. Santosh M. Deputy Commissioner AQCS, Mumbai, Dr. Shridevi ICAR-NIVEDI, Bengaluru, Karnataka visited WRTC, Gorewada on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Additionally, Dr. Manoj Joshi and Dr. Chakradhar Tosh from NISHAD, Bhopal, visited the centre.

### VISIT OF JOINT SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TO COFS, NAGPUR

Shri Sagar Mehra, Joint Secretary, Department of Fisheries, Government of India visited freshwater fish farm and finfish hatchery facility of the college of Fishery Science, Nagpur on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 along with Dr. Bijay Behera, Chief Executive Officer, National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad and Shri Kishor Tawde, Commissioner of Fisheries, Government of Maharashtra.



Shri Sagar Mehra, Joint Secretary, seeks information of the facilities of the College of Fishery Science, Nagpur.

### VISIT OF CAPT. HARSHITA RAGHAV, FIRST LADY RVC OFFICER TO NVC

Capt. Harshita Raghav, visited the 1 Mah R&V Sqn NCC Unit, Stud Farm, and Nagpur Veterinary College on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025. The session was organized by Lt. Shital and was attended by enthusiastic cadets and students of NVC.



Visit of Capt. Harshita Raghav to 1 Mah R&V Sqn NCC Unit,





## AWARDS / HONOURS

### CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR OUTSTANDING RESEARCH CONTRIBUTION

On 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025, the Director of Research, MAFSU, Nagpur, conferred a Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. S. D. Ingole, Professor and Head, Department of Veterinary Physiology, MVC, Mumbai, and his distinguished research team Dr. Korsapati L. Yoshitha, Dr. Simin V. Bharucha, Dr. Mandakranta Bhuyan, Dr. Rajesh R. Pharande and Dr. Rajiv V. Gaikwad for their exceptional contribution to veterinary science through their groundbreaking publication "Expression and characterization of exosomal miRNAs in healthy, subclinical mastitis, and pasteurized milk of buffaloes" published in Scientific Reports (2025) [15:1915 | DOI: 10.1038/s41598-025-85690-z], part of the Nature Portfolio.

### DR. ATUL DHOK AND DR. MUKUND KADAM WERE BESTOWED WITH FELLOW AWARD DURING WANACON 2025

Dr. Atul Dhok, Professor, Department of Animal Nutrition and Dr. Mukund Kadam, Professor, Department of Poultry Science from Nagpur Veterinary College were bestowed with Fellow of Animal Nutrition Association for their significant contribution in the field of Animal Nutrition and Poultry Nutrition. The fellowship was conferred by Animal Nutrition Association on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025 during WANACON 2025, at NVC, Nagpur.



*Dr. Atul Dhok receiving Fellow Award  
at WANACON 2025*



*Dr. Mukund Kadam receiving Fellow Award during  
WANACON 2025*

### RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS OF MAFSU AT WORLD ANIMAL NUTRITION CONFERENCE

Dr. G. M. Gadegaonkar, Professor and Head and Dr O. D. Gade, M. V. Sc. student, Department of Animal Nutrition, COVAS, Udgir received the Best Paper Presentation Awards whereas postgraduate students from Department of Animal Nutrition, Nagpur Veterinary College viz. Ms. Vidya Aglave and Ms. Dipasree Das received second prize for best poster presentation, while Mr. Roupesh Gudepu and Mr. Yash Garg received third prize for best poster presentation awards during WANACON 2025.



*Dr. G. M. Gadegaonkar receiving Best Paper  
Presentation Award at WANACON*



*Ms. Vidya Aglave receiving Best Poster  
Presentation Award*

### DR. S. SAJID ALI BAGGED FIRST PRIZE IN POSTER PRESENTATION

Dr. S. Sajid Ali, Associate Professor, Department of Animal Genetics and Breeding, COVAS, Parbhani received Poster Presentation Award- First Position under faculty category during National Symposium and XXII Annual Convention of SOCDAB – 2025 organized at Veterinary College, KVAFSU, Bangaluru during 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2025.



*Dr. S. Sajid Ali receiving Best Poster Presentation Award*

### DR. V.N. KHANDAIT BAGGED BEST PH.D. THESIS AWARD

Dr. V. N. Khandait, Subject Matter Specialist, MAFSU Subcentre, COVAS, Udgir awarded with Best Ph.D. Thesis award by U.P. Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Pashu Chikitsa Vigyan Vishwavidyalaya Evam Go-Anusandhan Sansthan Mathura on 14<sup>th</sup> Convocation Ceremony held on 03<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 at DUVASU Mathura.



*Dr. V.N. Khandait receiving Best Ph.D. Thesis Award 2024 by Smt. Aanadiben Patel Hon'ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh*

### DR. M. R. JAWALE BAGGED BEST ORAL PRESENTATION AWARD

Dr. Mahesh Jawale, Assistant Professor, Department of Animal Nutrition, Nagpur Veterinary College, Nagpur received Best Oral Presentation Award (first prize)



*Dr. M. R. Jawale receiving Best Oral Presentation Award*

at 25<sup>th</sup> Indian Veterinary Congress & 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of IAAVR and National Symposium held during 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at Apollo College of Veterinary Medicine, Jaipur, Rajasthan.

### DR. R. J. ZENDE RECEIVED FELLOW AWARD OF NAVS AND APHV

Dr. Ravindra Zende, Professor and Head of the Department of Veterinary Public Health, Mumbai Veterinary College, honoured with the prestigious Fellow Award by the National Academy of Veterinary Science (NAVS), New Delhi during the Annual Convocation cum Convention held at COVAS, Bengaluru, during 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 and Fellow Award 2025 of APHV during APHVCON 2025 held at COVAS Meerut, during 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025.



*Dr. R. J. Zende receiving Fellow Award of NAVS*



*Dr. R. J. Zende receiving Fellow Award of APHV*



## DR. V. M. DHOOT BAGGED FIRST PRIZE IN ORAL PRESENTATION

Dr. V. M. Dhoot, Professor, Department of Clinical Veterinary Medicine, NVC, Nagpur received first prize in Oral Presentation in Wildlife Session at 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention of the Indian Society for Veterinary Medicine & National Symposium held at Division of Medicine, Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Husbandry, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu during 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2025.



*Dr. V. M. Dhoot receiving Best Oral Presentation Award*

## FELICITATION OF MAFSU SCIENTISTS FOR 'DIGITAL PASHUDHANSHALA'

The Farmers' Cup 2024 award ceremony, organised by Pani Foundation at Shri Shiv Chhatrapati Krida Sankul, Balewadi, Pune on 23rd March 2025, marked a moment of pride for the MAFSU, Nagpur. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. N.V. Patil and Director of Extension Education Dr. A.U. Bhikane were felicitated at the hands of Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra and Shri. Aamir Khan Noted Actor & Founder, Paani Foundation; in presence of esteemed dignitaries. During the Farmers' Cup 2024 ceremony for their visionary leadership in spearheading the 'Digital Pashudhanshala' initiative. Further, MAFSU scientists Dr. A.D. Patil, Dr. Prafullakumar Patil, Dr. M.P. Sakhare, Dr. A. P. Dhok and Dr. P.B. Hase were honoured for their technical contributions and digital outreach efforts that



*Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra felicitating Dr. N. V. Patil, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, MAFSU*

shaped the success of the programme. The event also featured an interactive session and dialogue with farming community stakeholders, guided by Dr. N.V. Patil and Dr. A.U. Bhikane, reinforcing MAFSU's commitment to participatory extension and inclusive animal husbandry transformation.



## LEAD PAPER PRESENTATION BY DR. GALDHAR

Dr. Chandrakant Galdhar, Professor of Medicine and Treasurer of the Indian Society for Veterinary Medicine (ISVM) presented a lead paper on the topic "Veterinary Nuclear Medicine (VNM) & Targeted Drug Delivery System for Infectious Diseases: Can we proceed with this in Veterinary Medicine?" at the prestigious event of 41<sup>st</sup> annual convention of ISVM at Jammu from 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025.



*Dr. Galdhar, delivering lead paper during the conference*



## INAUGURATION OF KRUSHI VIGYAN KENDRA, DUDHBARDI, NAGPUR

The newly constructed Administrative building and Farmers Hostel of Krushi Vigyan Kendra, Dudhbardi,

Nagpur were inaugurated at the auspicious hands of Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Hon'ble Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR, New Delhi on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025. The programme was chaired by Dr. Niteen Patil, Vice-Chancellor, MAFSU, Nagpur. Dr. S. K. Roy, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Pune, Dr. Y. G. Prasad, Director, ICAR- CICR, Dr N. G. Patil. Director, ICAR- NBSS and LUP, Nagpur, Dr. S. K. Shukla. ICAR-CIRCT, Dr. A.U. Bhikane, Director of Extension Education, Nagpur and Dr. S. P. Landge, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Nagpur were present on the dais. Senior Officers of the University Dr. N. V. Kurkure, Director of Research, Dr. S. W. Bonde, Dean Fisheries and Lower Education, Smt. Mona Thakur, Registrar, MAFSU, Dr. A. P. Somkuwar, Associate Dean, Nagpur Veterinary College, Smt. Manisha Shende, Comptroller (Finance & Accounts), Shri. Arif Sheikh, University Engineer, MAFSU, Shri S. N. Gawande, University Librarian, Dr. R. P. Limsay, Director, Student Welfare & PRO, Dr. P. A. Telvekar, Associate Dean, College of Fishery Sciences, were also present for the inauguration programme. Fourteen progressive farmers from the Nagpur district were felicitated and trees were planted by the dignitaries during the programme.

### INAUGURATION OF NEW BUILDING OF THE COLLEGE OF FISHERY SCIENCE, NAGPUR AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, MAFSU, NAGPUR

The new building of the College of Fishery Science, Nagpur and Skill Development Centre was inaugurated on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 by Hon'ble Pankajatai Munde, Minister for Animal Husbandry, Environment, and Climate Change, Government of Maharashtra. Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Hon'ble Secretary (DARE) and Director General, ICAR, New Delhi, Dr. N. Ramaswamy, Hon'ble Secretary, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development, and Fisheries, Government of Maharashtra and Dr. Niteen Patil, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, MAFSU, Nagpur were the Guests of Honor. The event was attended by Dr. Pravin Kumar Deore, Commissioner, Animal Husbandry, Government of Maharashtra, Dr. Raghavendra Bhatta, Deputy Director General, ICAR, New Delhi, along with senior officials from MAFSU, including Dr. S. V. Upadhye, Director of Instructions and Dean (Veterinary Science), Dr. N. V. Kurkure, Director of Research, Dr. A. U. Bhikane, Director Extension Education, Dr. S. W. Bonde, Dean (Fishery Science), Mrs. Mona Thakur, Registrar, Mrs. Manisha Shende, Comptroller and Mr. Arif Sheikh, University



*Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Hon'ble Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR, inaugurating administrative building of KVK, Nagpur*



*Hon'ble Pankajatai Munde inaugurating Skill Development Centre*



*Felicitating progressive farmer by the hands of dignitaries*



*Dignitaries during the inauguration of the new building of the College of Fishery Science, Nagpur*



Engineer. The successful execution of the event was led by Dr. Prashant Telvekar, Associate Dean, College of Fishery Science, Nagpur, along with faculty members and administrative staff.

### INAUGURATION OF PG BOYS HOSTEL AT COVAS, AKOLA

The inauguration of newly constructed Postgraduate Boys Hostel was done at the hands of Dr. Niteen V. Patil, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, MAFSU, Nagpur on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025 in the august presence of Dr. S. V. Upadhye, DI and Dean (Veterinary Science), MAFSU, Nagpur. The programme was organized under the chairmanship of Dr. C. H. Pawshe, Associate Dean of the college; coordinated by Dr. P. N. Thakur and Dr. M. M. Vaidya, Hostel wardens in the presence of staff and students of the college.



*Inauguration of Boys Hostel at PGIVAS, Akola*



## MEETINGS

### REVIEW MEETING ON REVISED POSTGRADUATE CURRICULUM

A joint meeting of MAFSU and the Indian Veterinary Association was held in Nagpur on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025 under the chairmanship of Dr. N. V. Patil, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, MAFSU, Nagpur to brainstorm the revised draft of the postgraduate and doctoral degree curriculum in veterinary science recently prepared by the Veterinary Council of India.

Shri Devdutt, an education expert, Dr. Umesh Chandra Sharma, President of VCI, New Delhi and President of Indian Veterinary Association, were present for the meeting. The meeting was attended by Vice President of the VCI and Executive Council Member of MAFSU Dr.

Sandip Ingle, Director of Instructions and Dean (Vet) of MAFSU Dr. Shirish Upadhye, Director of Research Dr. Nitin Kurkure, Director of Extension Education Dr. Anil Bhikane, Dean Fishery Science Dr. Sachin Bonde along with the officials from other veterinary universities in the country, government veterinary officers, private veterinary practitioners and students.



*Review meeting on Revised Post Graduate Curriculum at MAFSU HQ*

### ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING OF MAFSU

63rd Academic Council Meeting of Maharashtra Animal & Fishery Sciences University, Nagpur was held on 15th February 2025 under the chairmanship of Dr. N. V. Patil, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, MAFSU, Nagpur. Various important subjects like proposal for holding 12th Convocation of MAFSU, Memorandum of Understandings, Finalization of MVSc and PhD seats for Academic Year 2025-26, Approval to the MAFSU Academic Regulations for Bachelor of Dairy Technology and Fishery Science as per the ICAR VI Dean's Committee Report and its implementation from Academic Year 2024-25 etc were discussed during the meeting.

### MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF MAFSU

97th Executive Council Meeting of Maharashtra Animal & Fishery Sciences University, Nagpur was held on 21st February 2025 under the chairmanship of Dr. N. V. Patil, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, MAFSU, Nagpur. Discussions were carried out on important subjects like holding of 12th Convocation of MAFSU, approval to MAFSU Academic Regulations of Dairy Technology and Fishery Science, regarding continuing recognition and first year admissions of of Livestock Management and Dairy Production diploma schools etc.

## MAFSU'S AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

### Milk Awareness Campaign

Milk Awareness programs were organized in different schools with the tagline 'दुध प्या दिर्घायुशी व्हा' by the faculties of all constituent colleges of MAFSU, Nagpur. A total 78 activities were organized during Jan- March 2025 for different school students including delivering information on the importance of the milk and milk products in daily diet, demonstration on the processing of various dairy products, Street play, Clean milk production etc by all constituents colleges and KVKs of MAFSU, Nagpur.

Nagpur Veterinary College successfully organized more than 25 Milk Awareness Camps from January to March 25 across multiple locations, including Parsodi Vakil, Nilgaon, Kaniyadol (Tq. Kalmeshwar), Vastapur, Badanpur (Tq. Chikhaldara, Amravati), Harisal, Sadrabadi, Dharni (Dist. Amravati)

Public awareness program was organized by Krantisinh Nana Patil Veterinary College, Shirwal under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan at the Zilla Parishad Primary School in the adopted village of Tondal and Bholi on March 28, 2025

A series of events such as Rally, Demonstration on paneer, Khoa, peda preparation, delivered lecture on importance of milk in daily diet, Empowerment of Women through the dairy business, employment opportunities in dairying for farmers and women SHG and school students were organized by MVC, Mumbai, NVC, Nagpur, CDT, Warud, CDT, Udgir, COVAS, Udgir, KVK, Dudhburdi, COFS, Nagpur. Nodal officers, academic officers and students were actively involved for the successful organization of the MAFSU milk awareness campaign.



Milk awareness programme at Naigaon by KNPCVS, Shirwal



Distribution of milk by CDT, Udgir at Z.P. School, Ghonsi



Demonstration of milk product preparation by experts from NVC, Nagpur

### Fish Awareness Campaign

The Maharashtra Animal and Fishery Sciences University, through its Colleges of Fishery Science in Nagpur and Udgir, conducted a robust Fish Awareness Campaign from January to March 2025, engaging 986 beneficiaries across 15 programs. Key initiatives included educating school students on fish nutrition at Peth Kaldongri (50 participants) on 3<sup>rd</sup> January, The Buddhist International School, Ambejogai (42 participants) on 30<sup>th</sup> January, and Swaminarayan School, Nagpur (140 participants) during 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025. Further programs at the farm in Udgir and Kaulkhed village targeted fish farmers and students, with 300 beneficiaries attending the Sahyadri Livestock and Agriculture Exhibition on 24<sup>th</sup> February and 75 at Shivaji University, Kolhapur, on 27<sup>th</sup> March. Through lectures, seminars, and social media outreach on platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, the faculty of MAFSU, Nagpur, promoted sustainable fisheries, the nutritional benefits of fish, and economic opportunities, reinforcing its commitment to advancing Maharashtra's fisheries sector. Nodal officers, Academic officer and Students were actively involved for the successful organization of the MAFSU Fish Awareness Campaign.



Awareness program on fish consumption conducted by COFS, Nagpur



Fish Awareness Campaign at Kaulkhed, Tq. Udgir, Dist. Latur



Awareness programme on "Diversification of Aquaculture at Tiddi, Tq. & Dist. Bhandara



## Egg Awareness Campaign

A series of impactful Egg Awareness Campaigns were organized across various institutions under Maharashtra Animal and Fishery Sciences University, Nagpur to promote the nutritional benefits of eggs. KNPCVS Shirwal conducted awareness programs at LMDP School, Talmavale on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and at the Postgraduate School of Animal Husbandry, Sakrale on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025, reaching over 180 students and staff. The College of Fishery Science, Nagpur held an event at ZP Higher Primary School, Peth Kaldongri on 01<sup>st</sup> January 2025. Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Nagaon, MAFSU organized a campaign on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at Saraswati Mandir School, Kalyan, addressing 112 participants and debunking common egg myths. COVAS, Akola held two sessions on 01<sup>st</sup> January 2025 with 22 participants. Multiple awareness programs were also conducted by the Department of Poultry Science, Nagpur Veterinary College: in Kolitamara village for tribal women on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025; for RAMETI trainees on 04<sup>th</sup> February 2025; for LAD College students and staff (25 participants) and poultry trainees (24 participants) on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025; as well as among the Nagpur ladies' cricket team (25 participants) and 25 Pashusakhi members. Nodal officers, Academic officer and Students were actively involved for the successful organization of the MAFSU Egg Awareness Campaign.



Egg awareness campaign  
at LMDP School Talmavale  
by KNPCVS Shirwal



Egg awareness Campaign  
by MVC, Mumbai



Egg awareness among tribal ladies  
at Village Kolitmara  
by NVC Nagpur

## Rabies Awareness Campaign

Maharashtra Animal and Fishery Sciences University (MAFSU), along with its constituent colleges, successfully conducted an extensive Rabies Awareness Campaign from September 2024 to March 2025. With a total of 76 programmes implemented across the state, the campaign reached over 15,731 beneficiaries, significantly contributing to public education and rabies prevention efforts. The campaign spanned urban and rural regions, with active participation from schoolchildren, college students, farmers, and Pasusakhis. A variety of outreach activities were organized, including awareness programmes in schools and colleges, seminars on rabies prevention, free anti-rabies vaccination camps, world Rabies day exhibitions, online quizzes to engage youth and spread knowledge etc. Among the constituent colleges of MAFSU, Nagpur Veterinary College took the lead with 17 programmes, followed by COVAS Udgir (16), KNPCVS Shirwal (12), and COVAS Parbhani (11). Other notable contributions came from Mumbai Veterinary College, PGIVAS Akola, WRTC Gorewada, and KVK Dudhburdi. The campaign not only highlighted the university's commitment to public health but also promoted intersectoral collaboration in the fight against rabies—a 100% preventable yet fatal disease. Special focus was given to rural communities where access to information and vaccination services remains limited. This initiative reinforces MAFSU's mission to integrate veterinary education with public welfare and disease prevention, setting a benchmark for future community-based health campaigns. Nodal officers, Academic officer and Students were actively involved for the successful organization of the MAFSU Rabies Awareness Campaign.



Rabies Awareness Campaign  
at ZP school, Somnathpur  
by COVAS, Udgir



Rabies Awareness Campaign  
at Shivaji Nagar and Bhadavade  
village by KNPCVS, Shirwal



Rabies Awareness Programme  
organized during Farmers  
Scientist Meet at Nagpur



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