

Training Programme (TSP) of AINP on VPM: Agricultural Ornithology organized at Tribal Research cum Training Centre, AAU, Devgadha Baria

The one-day training programme of **All India Network Project on Vertebrate Pest Management: Agricultural Ornithology for Tribal Farmers** was organized under the aegis of Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) at Tribal Research cum Training Centre, AAU, Devgadha Baria on 22nd January, 2026 to create awareness among the tribal farmers about Vertebrate Pest problems in different agricultural crops and their management strategies. The 50 tribal farmers of Khokhara, Bamroli Muvada and Murnaba villages from Devgadha Baria taluka of Dahod district were participated.

The programme started with farmer registration and welcome address delivered by Mrs. B. R. Rabari, Tribal Research cum Training Centre, AAU, Devgadha Baria. Dr. R. R. Waghunde, Head of Office, PI, AINP on VPM, AAU, Anand provided preliminary information about menaces caused by vertebrates in agricultural ecosystem and their identification tactics. The programme was chaired by Dr. R. R. Waghunde, Head of Office, AINP on VPM, Dr. S. S. Thorat, Head of Office, Tribal Research cum Training Centre, AAU, Devgadha Baria. Dr. Jalpa J. Dand, Assistant Research Scientist, AINP on VPM, AAU, Anand delivered lecture on different vertebrate pests their damage and management strategies and also explained the farmers about the significance of conservation of predatory birds with special regards to house sparrow. Dr. B. J. Sangada, Tribal Research cum Training Centre, AAU, Devgadha Baria, explained the farmers about the information of bio-input resource centre. Ashish H. Nayi, Agriculture Officer, AINP on VPM, AAU, Anand was also delivered lecture on the importance of bird conservation. The programme remained effective and play a pivotal role in addressing VPM and other technical issues. The inputs kit (Seeds, Bio-NPK, Sparrow nest, Ghamelu and literatures) were provided to all trainees which will be helpful for them not only improving their agricultural production but also in reducing the drudgery among the tribal farmers.

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