

Frontline Demonstration Conducted Under DAPST Scheme by ICAR-NIANP at Chikkaballapur

Chikkaballapur, August 28, 2025—As part of the Developmental Action Plan for Scheduled Tribes (DAPST) scheme, the ICAR-National Institute of Animal Nutrition and Physiology (ICAR-NIANP) successfully organized a Frontline Demonstration (FLDs) for Scheduled Tribe farmers at Bramanaradinni village, Chintamani Taluk, Chikkaballapur district.

The demonstration focused on the use of “Mastitis prevention kit” and “Fertimin plus” supplement in dairy cows. These interventions aim to enhance udder health, improve lifetime productivity, and address common issues such as low fat syndrome, repeat breeding, and infertility in dairy animals. The event witnessed active participation from 49 tribal farmers, including 24 men and 25 farm women, who engaged enthusiastically in the demonstrations and discussions.

In addition to the demonstrations, Dr. Krishnappa Balaganur, Senior scientist, Nodal officer DAPST distributed Mastitis prevention kits and Fertimin plus supplements to almost all ST dairy farmers from Brahmanadinne and Thernahalli village, extending the benefits of the programme to a wider farming community. These demonstrations not only help farmers adopt scientific practices more confidently by seeing real-time, but also provided valuable feedback for researchers and highlighted practical challenges faced in the field. Such initiatives are instrumental in empowering tribal communities through new scientific interventions and improved animal husbandry practices.