

XVITH ANNUAL REVIEW MEET OF ICAR - ALL INDIA CO-ORDINATED RESEARCH PROJECT ON GOAT IMPROVEMENT ORGANISED

ICAR-Central Institute for Research on Goats, Makhdoom and Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (KVASU), Mannuthy jointly organised the 16th Annual Review Meet of AICRP on goat improvement at College of Veterinary and animal sciences, Mannuthy, Kerala from May 11-12, 2016.

The meet was inaugurated by Dr. R. S. Gandhi, ADG (AP & B), ICAR and presided over by Dr. Joseph Mathew, Registrar, KVASU. Dr. K. Devada, Director (Academics and Research) welcomed the gathering and Dr. M. S. Chauhan, Director, ICAR-CIRG offered opening remarks.

The chief guest of the function Dr. R. S. Gandhi, ADG (AP & B) emphasised upon the research on goat improvement through self-help groups, establishment of nucleus flocks, *in-situ* conservation of threatened goat breeds, value addition of goat meat and milk, capacity building of the stakeholders and development of package of management practices.

Dr. M. S. Chauhan, Director ICAR-CIRG, Makhdoom stressed upon strategic research programme under AICRP on goat improvement for sustainable goat development and also emphasised to include more number of goat breeds under AICRP umbrella. Dr. P. K. Rout, I/C Project Coordinator have detailed out the ongoing progress and future strategies for AICRP on goats.

In the plenary session Vice Chancellor, KVASU and Agriculture Production Commissioner Sri. Subrata Biswas, IAS, urged the scientist to bridge the gap between availability and requirements of quality goat kids. He was concerned about the Malabari breed of Kerala and their improvement. Further, he also emphasized the need to optimize the feeding practices and disease preventive measures for better returns to farmers.

More than 30 scientists from different AICRP-goat improvement centers across the country and other senior officials from Government departments/private sector organizations participated in the workshop. Dr. K Anil kumar, Associat Dean, College of veterinary and Animal Sciences, Mannuthy proposed vote of thanks.

