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## National Goat Fair & Agro-Industrial Exhibition

(With Special Reference to SC & ST Farmers)

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*Organised by*

**ICAR-Central Institute for Research on Goats (CIRG)**

**Makhdoom, Farah, Mathura**

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## Prologue

The goats, among various livestock species, have occupied an important place in the society due to its immense contribution to livelihood and food security of large population, especially of poor, land and resource less families, through milk, meat, skin and manure production. Goat carries functional, socio-economic and environmental relevance to mankind. India supports about 16.1 percent of world goat population where goat is second largest livestock species after cattle. As per 20th livestock census 2019, goat population in the country has increased from 135.17 to 148.88 million between 2012 and 2019. This increment was 10.14% over the previous livestock census (2012). India stood first in goat milk production (6.5MT), second in goat meat production (1.27MT) and second in goat skin production in the world. The growth rate in goat population was about 1.08 % during 2012 to 2019 in spite of higher slaughter rate and annual mortality. Goat sector witnessed significant increase in output of its products like meat, milk and skin. As per the estimates, goats and its products contribute Rs.1,17,000 crores annually to the national economy. This accounts for about 9% to total value of output (at current prices) from livestock sector. Majority of goats (>75%) are reared by the households cultivating less than 2.0 ha of land (marginal and small). Earlier, goat farming was popular mostly in arid and semi-arid regions; main aspect of dry land agriculture system. Now Goat farming showing omnipresence across the ecological zones of India and its population is booming in sub-humid and hot humid regions of the country states like Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Karnataka has registered increase 21.43%, 41.49, 28.63 in 2019 from 2012 census, respectively. The commercialization of livestock is on the rise because of market developments and financial incentives, and an increasing demand for high value commodities (animal protein) in the consumer market. A gradual shift is occurring towards intensively managed goat units from extensive units.

Goat Mela and exhibitions act as platform for the goat farming community for awareness creation and adoption of new technologies. These events help the government institutions, financial institutions, non-governmental organizations and other line departments to deliver information about improved technologies to the farmers.

## The Institute: Central Institute for Research on Goats

ICAR-Central Institute for Research on Goats is a premier research Institute of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), an autonomous organization under Department of Agricultural Research and Education, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India. The Institute was established on 12th July, 1979 with the vision to develop the

poor men's cow - the goat as a source of livelihood security, poverty alleviation and employment generation for the small, marginal and landless farmers. Our Mission is to enhance and sustain goat productivity in respect of meat, milk and fiber through Research, Extension and HRD support. The Institute is located at NH-2 between Agra and Mathura at almost equidistance. These two cities are famous for historical and cultural heritage i.e., the Taj Mahal and birthplace of Lord Krishna, respectively.

### **Livelihood through Goat Farming in SC and ST Areas**

Schedule Cast (SC) and Schedule Tribes (ST) are among the most disadvantaged socio-economic groups of India. Marginalised caste groups such as the scheduled castes (SCs), scheduled tribes (STs) and other backward castes (OBCs) earn much less than the national household income average of Rs 113,222. SC and ST households earn 21% and 34%, respectively, less than the national average. There are about 550 tribes in India. According to Census-2011, the scheduled tribe population in India was 104.3 million, constitutes about 8.6% of the total population of the country. A total of 98.3 million people belonging to scheduled tribes reside in rural areas whereas 10.5 million people in urban areas. The scheduled tribes are 11.3% of the total population of rural areas and 2.8% of urban areas. Several government schemes/programmes to improve literacy, vocational training programmes, hostel facilities for ST girls for education, marketing of forest produce, scholarship etc. are being implemented to improve the socio-economic conditions of the indigenous people of the country.

As we are aware that goat rearing provides livelihood support to large numbers of SC & ST households and generating gainful employment. However, the productivity of goats could not be harvested due to lack of knowledge on scientific goat rearing practices. Following the guidelines received from the council under Developmental Action Plan for Scheduled Tribe (DAPSTC) and Developmental Action Plan for Schedule Tribes, ICAR-Central Institute for Research on Goats (CIRG), Makhdoom striving for better goat health and productivity through organizing several programmes in Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand. About 1000 SC and ST households were benefitted under both the programme during the year 2023-24. Organization of training programmes on good practices, exposure visits, demonstrations, distribution of inputs-mustard seed, goat feed, medicine kits, umbrella, solar torch light, seed bins, training kit (bag and technical literature were some of the important activities of the project. Technologies developed at ICAR-CIRG were also showcased during the Kisan Mela and Gosthi organised for ST and SC goat farmers.

## **The Event: National Goat Fair & Agro-Industrial Exhibition-2024**

The theme of National Goat Fair & Agro-Industrial Exhibition is “Technology Dissemination” through connecting farmers with livestock technologies and industry. This fair certainly result in highly informative and valuable event for enhancing goat productivity and income. This event ‘National Goat Fair’ is the only fair of its kind where scientists, policy makers, government officers, agri-business & industry entrepreneurs and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) come together to have interaction with the farmers. This event will attract a large number of farmers, farm women, goat owners, agri-business and industry entrepreneurs, officers from line departments, technocrats, researchers, extension workers, students, and rural youth from different parts of the country on one platform, where they have direct access to latest technologies and innovative ideas and best practices available in the field of goat production. Technologies/products/germplasm will be showcased by many Govt. and private organisations.

### **Highlights**

- ◆ Farmers- Scientists Interface
- ◆ Lectures on Scientific Goat Farming
- ◆ Ask to Experts
- ◆ Technology Showcase
- ◆ Exhibition of Elite Goat Germplasm
- ◆ Goat Show
- ◆ CIRG Activities Display
- ◆ Sale of Value-Added Products and Publications
- ◆ Interaction with Progressive Goat Farmers
- ◆ Cultural Programme
- ◆ Children Park

### **Programme**

#### **March 6, 2024 (Wednesday)**

- ◆ Registration of farmers
- ◆ Lectures on scientific goat farming
- ◆ Farmers- Scientists Interaction



- ◆ Inaugural session by the Chief Guest
- ◆ Release of technical literature
- ◆ Prize distribution to progressive farmers
- ◆ Inauguration of exhibition
- ◆ Inauguration of goat show
- ◆ Valedictory Session



## **Stall Booking**

- ◆ For booking of stall, form is available in the office of Head, Extension Education and Socio-Economics Section (EE&SE), ICAR-CIRG, Makhdoom, Farah, Mathura-281 122
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