

Organization of National Seminar Goattery-2012 with Scientific and Technical Support of Central Institute for Research on Goats

Increasing goat population, which is presently estimated over 154 million, underlines the increasing significance of goat husbandry in our country. More and more farmers are now opting A National Seminar, **Goattery-2012** was organized at Coimbatore from 4th to 5th August, 2012 by Royal Net International, Pollachi (Tamilnadu) with the Scientific and Technical support of Central Institute for Research on Goats (CIRG), Makhdoom (UP) in an endeavor to discuss various issues pertaining to viable goat rearing. More than 500 progressive farmers, goat keepers and entrepreneurs attended the seminar. Director, CIRG inaugurated the seminar and four scientists from the institute delivered expert lectures on breeding, feeding, housing and health management. They also provided scientific inputs during different interactive technical sessions covering preventive health measures, proper housing and breeding strategies, optimum nutrition and reproductive strategies. These sessions were supported by experts from other reputed institutions like TANUVAS, NABARD, NARI, KLDA, and other developmental agencies. CIRG also displayed its technologies and distributed scientific literature on goat rearing, which attracted considerable interest from the participants. Success stories were presented by the commercial goat farmers and entrepreneurs like Nithin Goat Farm Coimbatore, Amma Bhagavan Goat Farm Mysore and Vijay Farms Villupuram (Tamilnadu). The seminar provided important platform for different stakeholders from Southern States to discuss various issues pertaining to scientific goat rearing and its benefits. The event was highly appreciated by different stakeholders including prospective farmers who are interested in goat rearing, realizing the fact that the goat is the 'Future Animal' to provide livelihood and food security for millions of resource poor people in the country. Motivated by the presentation by commercial goat farmers and scientific and technical deliberations made by the experts, several farmers approached CIRG scientists to discuss the prospect of commercial goat farming and training imparted by the institute to make it viable. It can be expected that the scientific and technical support extended by CIRG in this seminar would go a long way in making the goat husbandry as a sustainable farming option in the southern states of the country.

