

**Visit of Honourable Deputy Director General (Animal Sciences)
Professor (Dr.) H. Rahman to CIRG, Makhdoom, Mathura on
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Honourable DDG (Animal Sciences), ICAR, New Delhi visited ICAR-Central Institute for Research on Goats, Makhdoom, Farah, Mathura on 7th January, 2017. His maiden visit at ICAR-CIRG was started with plantation at institute research complex.



Thereafter DDG (AS) visited the Goat Products Technology (GPT) Laboratory and dedicated “National Referral Laboratory for Testing of Animal Products”, to the public, developed with the help of Ministry of Food Processing Industries and ICAR. This laboratory is dedicated to commercial farmers and animal products exporters. They can test their animal products at this laboratory with nominal charges. He observed the different infrastructure developed at GPT lab particularly Mass Spectrometry section having GC-MS/MS and ICP-MS and appreciated the progress. He directed to give more focus to rapid and accurate identification of raw and cooked meats from different species. He advised to focus of development of kits for meat speciation that can be readily used in the field.



Later he visited advanced microbiology laboratory of GPT lab and suggested to extend current detection of various pathogens to their isolation and maintenance of microbial culture. He suggested giving preference to determine the prevalence of different pathogens in various meats in the country and isolation and maintenance of various Salmonella serovars.



The DDG (AS) also visited the other labs and facilities of ICAR-CIRG, such as Goat Genetics and Breeding Division and Farmers single window facility at Extension Education & Socio-Economics Section. He insisted to take on *Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav* on priority basis. During his visit, he suggested that the research should be focused with the aim to develop the technologies for the benefit of farmers. Further, he suggested that the research project should be close ended. He also suggested to have research collaboration with the ICAR institutes or SAU's. Therefore, the resources developed in one place should be fully utilised.



Various livestock forms were also visited by honourable DDG. He instructed to develop adequate infrastructure to maintain more goat breeds at ICAR-CIRG. He advised for a project on cross breeding programme.



Honourable DDG (Animal Sciences) discussed different issues related to research of the institute in his address in the gathering of scientific and administrative staffs in the committee room.

The CIRG scientists and staff thanks to the Honourable DDG, Professor (Dr) H. Rahman for his kind visit and suggestions.