

ICAR-CIRG organized Farm Innovators Day

Central Institute for Research on Goats (CIRG) organized **Farm Innovators' Day on September, 10, 2015** to share experiences and innovations of goat farmers with the institute scientists and invited experts to achieve the goal of sustainable goat production in the country. Three sessions viz. Farmers innovations in goat production, Scientist-Farmers interaction on Scientific goat farming and presentation of success stories by the progressive goat farmers were organized.

Dr. Arvind Kumar, Vice Chancellor, Rani Laxmi Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi was the Chief Guest, **Dr. Suresh S. Honnappagol, Animal Husbandry Commissioner, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India** and **Dr. A.C. Varshney, Vice Chancellor, DUVASU, Mathura** were the Guest of Honour during the inaugural session of the programme. The function was presided over by **Dr. S.K. Agarwal, Director, CIRG, Makhdoom, Farah, Mathura**. Total 102 goat farmers and entrepreneurs from 14 states of the country participated in the programme. Dr. S. Honnappagol during his address emphasized on goat rearing for livelihood and nutritional security to the rural farmers and expressed his concern for the development of farmer's oriented technologies. Dr. A.C. Varshney, VC, DUVASU while addressing the gathering narrated the importance of goat farming along with agriculture as an integrated approach for overall development of the farming community in the country. Commenting on innovation of goat farmers, Dr. Arvind Kumar, Vice Chancellor, RLBCAU, Jhansi said that such interaction of scientists with innovative goat farmers will be beneficial to identify different problems in goat and to develop low input goat rearing practices. Director of the institute Dr. S.K. Agarwal highlighted achievements of the institute made during the recent past in the area of goat production , pro farmers institute technologies and programme on goat production. On this occasion 15 progressive goat farmers presented their success stories and large number of farmers interacted with experts on their various problems in goat farming. During the valedictory session 20 innovative goat farmers were awarded for their outstanding contribution in goat production.

