

45th Foundation Day on July 12, 2024

The Central Institute for Research on Goats (CIRG), Makhdoom celebrated its 45th Foundation Day on July 12, 2024. The event was presided over by Padma Bhushan Dr. R.S. Paroda, former Secretary of DAIR and Director General of ICAR, New Delhi, and Founder President of the Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences. Distinguished guests included Dr. A.K. Gaur, Assistant Director General, ICAR, New Delhi, and Dr. P.K. Roy, Director, Directorate of Rapeseed-Mustard Research, Bharatpur, Rajasthan.

The program began with the Director of the Institute, Dr. Manish Kumar Chatli, and the chief and distinguished guests planting trees. This was followed by a water conservation message emphasizing that "water is life." The chief guest, distinguished guests, and the Institute Director released the annual report, policy documents, the Azamukh newsletter, and launched the DPR Management Software. All scientists, officials, and staff took an oath to elevate goat farming through research and development. Dr. Manish Kumar Chatli welcomed the chief and distinguished guests with flower bouquets, mementos, and scarves. In his address, he highlighted that the institute conducted nine national-level training programs in the past year and currently runs over 43 projects with 12 technical patents filed. He discussed various ongoing research projects, including vaccine kits, herbal products, technology transfer, gene editing, and the use of CRISPR, explaining their benefits for farmers and goat breeders. Dr. Chatli thanked all scientists, officials, staff, former directors, and employees for their contribution to the institute's 45-year successful journey. He emphasized the institute's projects and programs aimed at increasing farmers' income and empowering scheduled caste and tribe farmers and women farmers. Over the past 45 years, the CIRG has made significant contributions to goat farming, including the development of new breeds, disease management, nutritional improvements, and breeding techniques. Chief guest Padma Bhushan Dr. R.S. Paroda and distinguished guests expressed their pride in participating in the foundation day celebrations and praised the institute's research efforts and its role in farmer and goat breeder development.

The event showcased the institute's research, innovations, and achievements in goat farming, raising awareness about the latest technologies and research in the agricultural community. Highlights included scientific sessions on the latest goat farming research, exhibitions displaying various goat breeds, products, and techniques, award ceremonies recognizing significant contributions by scientists, staff, and farmers, and technical workshops providing practical knowledge and training on advanced goat farming techniques.

Outstanding scientists and staff were awarded for their excellent work, and winners of quiz competitions broadcast on All India Radio were also honored.



