



You are cordially invited for

National Seminar on Policy and Strategies for Indian Goat Sector in 'Amrit Kaal'

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The Institute: ICAR-Central Institute for Research on Goats

The ICAR-Central Institute for Research on Goats stands as a distinguished research institution under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), an autonomous body operating within the Department of Agricultural Research and Education under the purview of the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India. Established on July 12th, 1979, our institute was founded with a visionary goal: to elevate the status of the goat, often referred to as the “poor man’s cow,” into a cornerstone of livelihood security, poverty alleviation, and employment generation for small, marginal, and landless farmers. Our mission is dedicated to the augmentation and sustainable enhancement of goat productivity in terms of meat, milk, and fiber. This mission is pursued through comprehensive research endeavors, extension activities, and human resource development initiatives. Strategically situated along NH-2 between Agra and Mathura, our institute enjoys a location of historical and cultural significance, with Agra renowned for the majestic Taj Mahal and Mathura celebrated as the birthplace of Lord Krishna. CIRG collaborates with various agricultural universities, government bodies, and NGOs to further its research and outreach efforts. Its work significantly impacts rural economies, especially in regions where goat farming is a primary source of income. By improving goat productivity, the institute contributes to better livelihoods and food security to the farmers.

About the National Seminar

National Seminar on Policy and Strategies for the Indian Goat Sector in *Amrit Kaal* is an initiative aimed to discuss and formulate strategies for the enhancement of productivity and production of Indian Goat sector for 2047. Research and Development requirements with respect to health, nutrition, management, reproduction and policy strategies will be discussed in the seminar. These issues will be useful to strengthen veterinary services, marketing infrastructure, and development of goat value chain as key factors to determine road map of Indian goat sector.

Objectives of the Seminar

- To identify research & development challenges and effective policies to support and promote goat farming.
- To ascertain the sustainable goat farming practices to improve productivity, maintain animal welfare, and minimize environmental impact.
- To explore strategies for improvement in marketing infrastructure, and development of goat value chain.

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Key Topics

The seminar typically covers several critical areas, such as:

- **Current Challenges:** Classifying challenges faced by goat farmers, including disease management, nutrition, and economic viability.
- **Technological Innovations:** Discussing advancements in breeding, feeding, and management practices that can enhance productivity.
- **Government Schemes:** Reviewing existing government schemes and their effectiveness in supporting the goat sector, along with suggestions for improvement.
- **Success Stories:** Sharing case studies and success stories from progressive farmers to motivate and inspire goat keepers.

Stakeholders involved

The seminar usually involves various stakeholders, including:

- **Government Officials:** Representatives from agricultural ministries and departments.
- **Researchers:** Experts from agricultural universities and research institutes.
- **Farmers:** Goat farmers who can provide firsthand insights into the challenges and opportunities in the sector.
- **Industry Representatives:** Stakeholders from the livestock industry, including feed manufacturers and veterinary services.

Significance

- This seminar is significant for the goat sector in India as it aims to create a roadmap for the future, focusing on sustainable development and the economic upliftment of goat farmers during the period of 'Amrit Kaal'. By fostering collaboration and dialogue among different stakeholders, it seeks to enhance the overall productivity and viability of goat farming in the country, ultimately contributing to rural livelihoods and food security.

Technical Sessions

- **Technical Sessions 1:**
Opportunities and Challenges of Goat Farming in *Amrit Kaal*
- **Technical Sessions 2:**
Policy Discussion on Goat Value Chain (GVC) and its Implementation
- **Technical Sessions 3:**
Non-bovine Milk – Opportunities and Challenges
- **Technical Sessions 4:**
Farmers-Industrialists-Scientists Interactive session

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