

Training programme organized by ICAR - IVRI, Mukteswar on
“Scientific goat farming in the Hilly Altitude Area” from 27-08-2024
to 28-08-2024

ICAR-IVRI, Mukteswar organized the two days training programme on “ **Scientific Goat Farming in Hilly Altitude Areas**” from 27-08-2024 to 28-08-2024. A total of 22 farmers from different villages of District Champawat, Uttarakhand participated in the training programme. Initially, Dr. Nitish Singh Kharayat (Coordinator), welcomed all the farmers, representative of animal husbandry department, district Champawat , scientist and students of IVRI, Mukteswar campus. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Y. P. S. Malik (Joint Director ICAR-IVRI, Mukteswar) and Dr. N. P. Aagri (Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer, Champawat). After that, Dr. N. S. Kharayat briefed everyone about the training schedule. Dr. N . P. Aagri briefed about the state livestock mission scheme. At the end, JD, IVRI, Mukteswar motivated all the farmers to actively participate in all the scheduled events of the training.



Inauguration of the training program



Group photograph with the participants

The training programme included several lectures and practical sessions on different aspects of scientific goat farming by various experts present on campus and at the headquarter. The lecture sessions included various topics like “Importance of nutrition in Goats” by Dr. V. B. Chaturvedi, “Prevention and control of viral diseases in goats” by Dr. Karam Chand, “Reproductive management ” by Dr. Nitish Singh Kharayat, “Prevention and control of parasitic diseases” by Dr. Ashutosh Fular, “Scientific preparation of silage and hay in hilly region” by Dr. Sher Singh and “Importance of fodder based agroforestry systems in hilly region” by Dr. Nidhi Sharma *etc.*



Experts delivering lectures on various aspects of scientific goat farming in hills

For practical exposure, farmers were taken to the Experimental Goat Farm, Surmane, IVRI, Mukteswar campus. In the farm, knowledge related to applications and use of various medicines and supplements were given to farmers. The live demonstrations as well as hands-on exposure on drenching of medicines, deworming, recording of temperature, housing management, vaccination, neonatal kid management, heat detection *etc.* were also conducted. Dr. Madhusoodan A. P., Dr Amol Gurav, Dr Nitish Singh Kharayat and Dr. Ashutosh Fular were involved in the method demonstration program.



Exposure visit of the farmers at experimental goat farm and method demonstration

The concluding session of the training was held on 28th Aug, 2024. The farmers also gave their feedback and suggested to increase the duration and frequency of such training program in the future which was assured by the JD, IVRI Mukteswar. Dr. Vaishali Sah (V.O., Champawat) appreciated and thanked IVRI, Mukteswar for organizing the event successfully. In the session, Chief Patron of the training, Hon'ble Dr. Triveni Dutt, Director, ICAR-IVRI and Chairperson(s) of the training Dr. Rupasi Tiwari, JD, Extension Education, ICAR-IVRI and JD, IVRI, Mukteswar appreciated the efforts and motivated for organizing more farmer oriented trainings in the Mukteswar campus. Dr. Y. P. S. Malik, Joint Director, IVRI, Mukteswar interacted with farmers and discussed thoroughly regarding the importance of goat farming in the hilly region of Uttarakhand and its importance in improving socioeconomic status of the hilly farmers. At the end, he also distributed training certificates to the farmers and anticipated that the knowledge gained by farmers during training session will help them in developing profitable goat farming business model. The entire training programme was coordinated by Dr. Nitish Singh Kharayat, Dr. Nidhi Sharma, Dr. Ashutosh Fular, Dr. Siddharth Gautam and Dr. Amir Kumar Samal.



Certificate distribution to the participants



Feedback given by participants and Veterinary Officer, Champawat district