

**Celebration of Aazadi Ka Amrut Mahotsava at ICAR-CIRG, Makhdoom by organizing three days training programme on “Scientific Goat Farming” and “Exposure Visit” by DAPSC Project.**

ICAR-CIRG, Makhdoom started celebration of “Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsava”, with the organization of a three training programme (28-30 June, 2021) on “Scientific Goat Farming” and exposure visit under DAPSC project. A total of 188 scheduled caste beneficiaries (138 male and 50 female) belonging to 18 villages of Mathura district attended the programme in three days and every day only 60-70 participants came to the institute. Each trainee was given one sheep/goat feeder, 50kg. animal feed, refreshment and lunch all the three days. During training, participants were taught about goat breeding, management, animal nutrition, health care and goat marketing during training programme. On 30.06.2021, an exposure visit was organized in which all the trainee took round the livestock units and agricultural farm and explained various activities of the institute.

Dr. B. Rai, Director, Dr. Saket Bhusan, Head, GGB Division, Dr. Braj Mohan, I/C, EE&SE Section and DAPSC team members Dr. Gopal Dass, Principal Scientist, Dr. Arvind Kumar, Sr. Scientist, Dr. Nitika Sharma, Sr. Scientist, Dr. A. K. Dixit, Principal Scientist, Dr. Mohd. Arif, Scientist & Dr. Vijay Kishore, Senior Technical Officer were present in the inaugural function of this programme.

Dr. Gopal Dass, Nodal Officer of the project explained about the present activities of the project and activities to be carried out in future under DAPSC Project. He stated that the main objective of this project is to increase the income of poor scheduled caste beneficiaries through their skill development and interventions in goat and agricultural production.

Dr. Braj Mohan, Pr. Scientist detailed about various training programme and other field activities carrying out by the institute for the development of rural poors related to goat farming. He also appealed to all participants to remain touched with CIRG for getting further benefits. Dr. Saket Bhusan, Pr. Scientist appreciated the activities of DAPSC Project. He stated that this scheme is a real good work for the upliftment of poor scheduled caste rural families. He thanked Govt. of India for giving sufficient fund to this scheme.

Dr. B. Rai, Director (Acting). appreciated the activities and style of working of DAPSC project team. In his inaugural speech he mentioned about the importance of goat farming especially for resource poor farmers. He also stressed upon that the poor people can start goat farming with low investment to meet out financial and nutritional requirements of their family. He appealed all the beneficiaries to remain in touched with CIRG for further benefits as our institute is always ready to help you all.

Dr. Arvind Kumar, Sr. Scientist convened the function and explained the meaning of “Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsava”. He stated that our country is going to complete its 75 years of independence on 15 August, 2022, hence till 15.08.2022, various activities will be carried out in the institute. In the last, Dr. Nitika Sharma proposed vote of thanks to Director, institute scientists & officials and all training participants for sparing valuable time and making the function a success.





