

## Five-Day Training Program on “Scientific Goat Farming” at ICAR-CIARI, Sri Vijaya Puram

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successfully conducted a five-day customized paid training programme on “Scientific Goat Farming” from December 2 to December 6, 2024. The programme was tailored for farmers and stakeholders interested in starting goat entrepreneurship based on scientific methods and practices. A total of seven participants attended the training. The programme aimed to equip participants with knowledge and skills in areas such as goat breed selection, nutrition management, reproductive management, disease prevention, modern housing systems, sustainable goat farming techniques, and preparing for commercial goat farming. A special highlight was the hands-on practical sessions, enabling farmers to gain real-world experience in scientific goat farming practices.

The valedictory function was graced by Dr. E.B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI, as the Chief Guest. Addressing the gathering, he emphasized the importance of scientific approaches in enhancing the productivity and profitability of goat farming, particularly in island ecosystems. The entire training program was coordinated by Dr. R.R. Alyethodi and Dr. P. Perumal, Course Directors, along with Dr. Jai Sunder, Course Convenor. Certificates and training manuals were distributed to the trainees. The farmers expressed their gratitude for the well-organized training and appreciated the interactive nature of the sessions, which allowed them to discuss their challenges and solutions with experts. This initiative reflects ICAR-CIARI's continued commitment to promoting sustainable livestock farming and empowering farmers with scientific knowledge and practical skills.