

Working Group on Promotion of Goat and Sheep Farming in Haryana Holds First Meeting

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The first meeting of the Working Group on Promotion of Goat and Sheep Farming in Haryana, constituted by the Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran (HKKP), was held at Lala Lajpat Rai University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (LUVAS), Hisar. The meeting was chaired by Prof. Naresh Jindal, Director of Research, LUVAS and Former Vice-Chancellor, LUVAS, Hisar. Dr. R. S. Chauhan, Chief Executive Officer, Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran and Ms. Vandana, Nodal Officer of the Working Group, were also present during the meeting.



The meeting focused on identifying key challenges and exploring practical strategies for strengthening goat and sheep farming in Haryana and improving the income and livelihoods of farmers.

During the deliberations, detailed discussions were held on developing a breeding and management module for farmers to promote scientific and systematic goat and sheep farming. The members emphasized that the major pillars of a sustainable goat industry are growth, reproductive performance and animal health and that interventions should address all three aspects in an integrated manner. The issue of high mortality among young/infant animals was also discussed as a major concern affecting productivity and farmers' returns. The members deliberated on strengthening preventive healthcare and timely intervention at the farm level to reduce mortality during the early stages of life.

An important suggestion was to explore the provision of basic first-aid kits to goat and sheep farmers, along with appropriate guidance on their use, so that farmers can provide immediate preliminary care in case of common health emergencies before professional veterinary assistance is available. The members also discussed the need for greater awareness among farmers regarding scientific breeding, proper management practices, nutrition, healthcare and disease prevention. It was emphasized that capacity building and easy access to technical guidance would play an important role in making goat and sheep farming more productive and sustainable.

Dr. R. S. Chauhan, Chief Executive Officer, HKKP, emphasized that the Pradhikaran is committed to promoting scientific, sustainable and farmer-centric livestock practices in Haryana. He stated that focused interventions in breeding, management and animal health can significantly improve productivity and contribute to enhancing the income and livelihoods of goat and sheep farmers.

