

One-Day Training Program on Goat Farming Organized in **Calicut to Promote Sustainable Livelihoods**

The Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services (AH&VS), Andaman and Nicobar Administration, organized a one-day training program on goat farming on July 5, 2025, in Gram Panchayat Calicut, as part of the government's initiative to promote sustainable livelihoods for rural women and farmers. The program aimed to raise awareness about government welfare schemes and encourage farmers to adopt goat farming to enhance their financial growth and incorporate protein-rich diets into their households.

The event was graced by Shri Egambaram, Pradhan of Calicut, and Shri Ritesh, Up-Pradhan, who shared their insights and ideas on the importance of goat farming for rural development. They commended the AH&VS Department for its efforts in organizing the training, emphasizing its potential to empower local farmers. A total of 25 farmers participated in the program, which was conducted by the Senior Veterinary Officer (SVO) of Animal Husbandry and the SVO of the Animal Husbandry Training Institute (AHTI), supported by the department's staff.

The training session focused on equipping farmers with practical knowledge about goat farming techniques and the benefits of government welfare schemes. Participants were educated on best practices for goat rearing, including feeding, housing, and health management, to ensure optimal productivity and sustainability. The program highlighted how goat farming can serve as a viable income source and contribute to nutritional security through access to protein-rich food. Training materials on goat farming and details of relevant government schemes were distributed to all participants, along with refreshments to facilitate engagement.

The initiative underscores the AH&VS Department's commitment to promoting animal husbandry activities in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. By fostering awareness and providing technical support, the department aims to empower rural farmers, particularly women, to achieve financial independence and improved livelihoods. The active participation of farmers and PRI members reflects the community's enthusiasm for adopting sustainable farming practices. The department plans to continue such training programs across other panchayats, aligning with the Andaman and Nicobar Administration's vision of enhancing rural economies through animal husbandry activities.

