

## **SUCCESS STORY OF A GOAT FARMER**

### **“PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN GOAT REARING”**

Name of the farmer: Smt. Gyarsi Devi, W/o Shri Bhagwandas Yadav

Address: Village- Amanala, Panchyat- Sundarpur, District- Jabalpur

Mahakaushal region of our Madhya Pradesh witnessed a success story in a small Village- Amanala, Panchyat- Sundarpur, District- Jabalpur situated nearby Pariyat ponds, in the forest, hilly area. The present inspirational and success story is all about a woman, Smt. Gayarsi Devi, W/o Shri Bhagwandas Yadav engaged with agricultural and animal husbandry practices. This story is a milestone and will definitely prove helpful in ensuring participation of other farmers (men/ women) for their social and economic upliftment.

Smt. Gyarsi Devi, W/o Shri Bhagwandas Yadav has been rearing and managing goats for last fifteen years. She had only two acres of arable land falling under irrigation belt. Shri Bhagwandas used to cultivate two acres land for paddy and wheat production. Earlier Bhagwandas had only two goats. His wife Smt. Gayarsi Devi, actively participated in training for five days (w.e.f. 26.01. 2013 to 30.01-2013) organised by Goat Research Project, Amanala funded by Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna under the aegis of Nanaji Deshmukh Veterinary Science University, Jabalpur. She was successfully trained in both theoretical and practical aimed at valuing the role and importance of goat rearing in economic upliftment involving various topics viz., breed characteristics of Sirohi and Barbari goats for meat production, first aid, usefulness of antiparasitic drugs, dressing of wounds in injured animals, different managerial practices to be adopted after kidding for goats as well as kids, housing and overall management, selection and breeding strategy/practices for breed improvement in goats, care and management of kids for meat production, sign and symptoms of oestrous and insemination procedures, formulation and dispensation of balanced feed mixture for bucks and does, common diseases of goats and their treatment, various contagious diseases and their prevention by vaccination, importance and economic benefit of various milk and meat products, different methods of identification in goats, castration, dehorning and trimming of hoofs and their benefits, preparation of detailed project report

for goat farming to be taken up as business, preparation of income and expenditure account in goatery etc.



As a result of this training, Smt. Gyarsi Devi, W/o Shri Bhagwandas Yadav gained and honed her skills which was reflected in the increased strength of goats in her possession and consisted of 10 bucks, 30 does and 13 kids of Sirohi/Barbari/non-descript breeds i.e. in total 53 bucks/does/kids are being reared by her.

Smt. Gyarsi Devi family consists of her husband, Shri Bhagwandas Yadav, three sons and a daughter. The detail of annual income of Gyarsi Devi and her family is as follows:-

S.No.	Source of Income	Total Income (Rs.)
1.	Income from agricultural sources (paddy and wheat)	30,000.00
2.	Income from goatery ( total 53) and cattle rearing ( total 2 cows)	30,000.00
3.	Income from other sources	36,000.00
Total (Rs.)		96,000.00

Thus by adopting agriculture and complementary goat rearing, Smt. Gyarsi Devi, W/o Shri Bhagwandas has produced an example of mixed farming. This has proven to be an important source of livelihood for their family. As a farmer/animal rearer, agriculture produce with livestock manure, this is a peerless example of organic farming and continuous effort is underway.

Goat Research Project, Amanala under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna is committed in its continuous effort with its underlying objective for the social and economic upliftment of farmers/ animal rearers of Madhya Pradesh so that breed improvement in local goats, improvement in economic condition of farmers/animal rearers and the resultant increase in milk and meat production in different circles of Madhya Pradesh will achieve the objectives of goal for contribution in the development of National Agricultural and animal Husbandry and premise of “participation of all , development for all” could be realized.

