

SUCCESS STORY OF A PIG FARMER FROM **GADCHIROLI DISTRICT OF MAHARASHTRA**

Shri. Shankar Dashrath Gaddekar. P.O.Chandalal, Tal. & Dist. Gadchiroli, (Mob.No. 09689248382) a 34 years old, got the news of training programme on scientific Pig rearing at Krantisinh Nana Patil College Of Veterinary Sciences, Shirwal, Tal.Khandala Dist.Satara under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) in the year-2013 from his friend Mr. Latif Shaikh. When he heard about scientific pig farming training news, he was surprised as he was searching for such training for a long time.

But after gathering courage he telephoned to Prof. Dr. Birade, H.S. & enquired about training. But he told that Dist.Gadchiroli is very far off from Dist.Satara, around 1100 KM, therefore it is impossible to poor farmers to come over to Satara. Hence, he requested to conduct the training at Dist.Gadchiroli only & he assured to arrange all the facilities for the training at his village & Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sonapur Dist.Gadchiroli. Then after consultation with other faculty members Dr.Birade agreed for Mr. Gaddekar's request. Dr. Birade asked Dr.Ambade Ravindra, Assistant Professor who is native of Dist.Gdachiroli to check the feasibility of conducting training at Dist.Gadchiroli. Then Dr.Ambade went to Dist. Gadchiroli & accessed the facilities are available at Dist. Gadchiroli.

Hence, Dr. Birade, H.S., Dr. Meshram, M. D, Dr. Shelar, R. R, Dr. Ambade Ravindra, Dr. Dhande, V. U, Shree. Dalvi Chandu (Driver) & Shree. Bondre (Attendant) went to Dist. Gadchiroli on 26th Jan.2013 & conducted the training in Dist.Gadchiroli, itself. Total 50 farmers were trained. Mr. Gaddekar & his three colleagues received 5 female+ 01 male unit as per RKVY programme from Krantisinh Nana Patil College of Veterinary Sciences, Shirwal. They jointly started piggery farm, however after three months swine fever disease outbreak occurred & due to the Swine Fever disease out of 24 pigs only 04 females & one male survived. Due to the disease Shree.Gaddekar & his colleagues were not broken but they kept feeding their pigs on hotel waste & vegetable waste with same enthusiasm. Today Mr.Gaddekar is a guiding force in Dist. Gadchiroli for pig farming to the farmers & he has established pig farmers co-operative society. The pig co-operative society formed by Mr. Gaddekar is a unique example in the state of Maharashtra. In the beginning, he was having only one Motorcycle to bring the hotel waste, however today he is having four motorcycles to bring the hotel waste & vegetable waste. Today in his farm, a total of 150 adult pigs are present. At present he has employed 28 workers & his monthly income from selling of pigs is around 1.5 Lakhs. He is aiming to provide the employment to the Tribal's of Dist. Gadchiroli. For tribal's, pig is very auspicious animal & they always use this pig for their all cultural & other rituals functions. Shree.Gaddekar says that one day, he will establish Asia's biggest farm in Dist. Gadchiroli. From this it is clear that with scientific rearing & little boost up from government officials, a common man can make miracle changes in rural settings as well as in the tribal areas. Just like Shri. Gaddekar there are about 30 per cent trainees trained under RKVY who have actually started the piggery farm in Maharashtra.

We wish all the best to Mr.Gaddekar.

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