

Preventing Mortality in Goats by Pashu Sakhi Mrs. Parvin Akhtar Pathan



Parvin Akhtar Pathan, age 37 years stays in a small village Jahanput Post Gormale in Barshi Tahsil of Solapur district. She is educated up to 9th Standard. Her family consists of four members viz. her husband and two children. She is marginal farmer with one acre land and also work as farm labour in order to support her family. She raises jowar, soybean and onion. Her husband also works agricultural labourer. His monthly income is less than Rs.2500. She got information of animal health volunteer or *Pashu Sakhi* from other fellow labourers and she decided to join the cadre for earning income while serving the livestock keepers.

Earlier she has undertaken goat rearing but due to lack of knowledge those goats used to die of diarrhea related disease. Thus she incurred heavy losses and did not realize goat rearing as profitable activity. She joined Pashu Sakhi training programme, Lucknow through The Goat Trust NGO and she understood intricacy of mortality due to unhygienic practices and nutritional deficiency. This rigorous training made her wise enough in maintaining good animal health. After coming back from Lucknow she installed feed stand, water stand and goat management practices were adopted. She also learned about inoculation of goats for various diseases and also deworming technique.



She started adopting those for her small goat rearing farm. The training gave her knowledge of preparing Dana Mixture the home made feed from indigenous inputs , which otherwise would cost heavily if purchased as readymade concentrate feed from market . Earlier the goats were weak and used to consume plastic and papers. After her own preparation of *Dana Mixture*(concentrate feed), *Pashu Chat* a food supplement(salt lick) and *Herbal Masala Bolus* (provides tonic and effective against all digestive problems)and adoption these practices using locally available ingredients she could see the miraculous results. This boosted the morale of her goat rearing. Also refer : <https://prabumi.wordpress.com/tag/masala-bolus/>

She now prepares *dana mixture* -a food supplement *herbal masala bolus* and, *pashu chat* and supply them to those famers who are in need of them. This also gives her income. She delegates the responsibility monitoring animal health for three villages viz. Mamdapur, Pimpalgaon and Jahanapur. She goes to these villages on foot as there is no convenient transport system and she must reach the villages before goats are sent for grazing at about 9-10 a.m. in the morning. She starts early at 6 a.m. along with her husband and reach the villages in time on foot. They treat the ailing goats and sell indigenously made food supplements and medicine. They educate and make awareness about these practices.

They had an unique experience, one lady from Paranda took Masala Bolus and gave in small quantity to her grandfather who was suffering from *ashtma* and to our dismay he recovered and feeling better. She sold Herbal deworming mixture for 7583 goats, *Masala Bolus* 2572 numbers, *Dana Mixture* 100-kgs over the last one year. Her monthly income as Pashu Sakhi by selling these herbal products or services rendered Rs. 1500-2000 per month. Her income in her own goat rearing during last year is Rs. 60,000 from sale of 12 grown up kids and from agriculture she earns Rs.25000 annually. Through her services to livestock keepers she raised the income level of local villagers who faced heavy mortality in goat rearing earlier.



She has been awarded for Breed Saviour Award 2018 at NBAGR, Karnal

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