

TRIBAL FARMER OF KARNATAKA TURNS BACKYARD PIGGERY INTO THRIVING COMMERCIAL VENTURE

TRANSFORMING LIVELIHOODS: THE SUCCESS STORY OF A TRIBAL PIG FARMER

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PROBLEMS/CONSTRAINTS

Mr. Yohan Siddi from coastal district of Uttara Kannada, Karnataka, has been rearing local breed pigs and he relied primarily on hotel waste for feeding, and due to the poor genetic potential of local breeds, both body weight and litter size remained low, severely limiting his economic returns.

INTERVENTIONS

Mr. Siddi along with 10 other farmers attended a training on “Scientific Pig Farming” under the Scheduled Tribe Component of AICRP on Pig at ICAR-CCARI, Goa in September 2023. During the program, he received one pair of crossbreed piglets and half a ton of concentrate feed mixture. He was also guided on scientific practices such as the importance of selecting unrelated breeding stock to avoid inbreeding, regular vaccination and deworming, and balanced feeding of sows to improve overall reproductive and productive performance.

IMPACT

By successfully adopting these practices, Shri Siddi expanded his herd from just two piglets to 30 adult pigs within a short period. He now sells pigs at ₹145 per kg, earning a net annual income of about ₹ 2,08,000. With his growing herd and improved knowledge, Shri Siddi is on the path to scaling up his enterprise and securing sustainable profits from pig farming.



Training attended



Piglets distributed



Feed distributed



Sow with piglets



Grower pigs



Commercial herd

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