

Success story of 60 yrs old Retired Employee as a Sheep Entrepreneur.

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Janaab Sk.Rasheed Ahmed is a resident of village Lalupuram,near Guntur,Andhra Pradesh State.He is 60 years old, and my Father-in law in relation, with Intermediate pass as his educational qualification. He has 1 acre of land which is mostly non-irrigated. He was retired in the cadre of Superintendent in Central Excise Department in May 2018. He is an animal lover and has been very interested in animal rearing since his childhood. He is a hard working person and didn't want to live a passive life, after retirement.

*Initially he expressed an interest in becoming a livestock entrepreneur, which I opposed in the beginning, considering his age, being a Veterinary Assistant Surgeon (VAS) in Animal Husbandry department, and Certified Livestock Advisor (CLA) Trainee, I know how risky and difficult it is to become a successful entrepreneur in this field which is mostly unpredictable, especially to the people like him, without any past experience, knowledge and skills in livestock rearing. Hence, I suggested him to take rest, after retirement, explaining the hurdles and difficulties involved in livestock farming. But he is so passionate and said, **“Failures and Success are not in our hands. If I fail, it will be a lesson to me; and if I am successful, it will be a lesson to others like me. We have to do our work sincerely, and leave the rest of it to almighty; He will be always with us”**. These words really motivated and inspired me, and I started guiding and supporting him strongly. At first, he wanted to start a desi poultry farm or a Dairy farm, but being a Certified Livestock Advisor(CLA)Trainee, with Specialisation in “Sheep”, I suggested to establish a Sheep farm.*

But our relatives and well wishers started opposing and discouraging us,by telling us that since we are MUSLIMS, rearing sheep is not our business and unjustifiable; and it is the work of other people in community. They started questioning “why do you want to pursue sheep farming, as you are well settled? Why don't you rest, as you are 60 years old?”. Irrespective of all this , he had faith on me and, invested most of his Retirement benefits and Savings, on starting a Sheep farm. With my guidance and support, he established an Intensive type of Sheep rearing farm, in an ideal way, without compromising anything, in the month of August 2018. The farm was established in an area of 7.2 acres. 6.2 acres is on leased and 1 acre is his own land. It is located at Gudipadu village, Krosuru mandal, Guntur district. Out of this 7.2 acres, of land, 6 acres is utilised for Fodder cultivation and 1.2 acres is utilised for Shed construction with a capacity of 500 sheep. He also provided employment to a poor family to take care of the sheep farm, and constructed rooms for them in the farm itself. And they are well trained by me on all management aspects to be taken care in daily routine and in any Emergency situations.

Sheep farm started with its 1st batch of 150 ram lambs. I used to monitor the flock regularly in all aspects of Health care and management. I was trained for 15 days on SHEEP, at CSWRI, Avikanagar, Rajasthan, during the month of November, 2018 which has improved my Skills and Knowledge to a great extent and also equipped me with new techniques and technologies in Sheep Management, which is very helpful; and made me strong enough to take care of Nutritional and Managerial aspects of this Sheep farm.

The 1st Batch was sold in the month of January 2019, on No-profit and no loss basis. With the experience gained, Janaab.Sk.Rashhed Ahmed started maintaining the 2nd batch of 270 Ram lambs, which is now ready for sale, expecting a Net income of 5 lakhs nearly. On due course of time, the Sheep farm has become very popular. Many Farmers and new enthusiastic entrepreneurs started contacting and visiting the Sheep farm, from different places of the state. Now most of the people recognise Janaab.SK.Rasheed Ahmed, as a successful Sheep Entrepreneur. Recognising his hard work and contributions, in Sheep rearing. Many Organisations and Foundations like RythuNestham, PasuNestham have started inviting him as a chief guest in their trainings to farmers and new entrepreneurs. Having heard about his Success story, a famous YOUTUBE Channel, visited the farm and interviewed him and the labour working in the farm, which was uploaded on you Tube recently. Now he gets phone calls from all over the country, for his suggestions and Business.

Now, I conduct On-farm trials ,in this sheep farm,as a part of my CLA Course, i.e., on "Effects of Vitamin-E and Selenium(Se) Supplementation on Growth Performance of Ram lambs".

As a CLA Trainee,when I personally Interviewed him, as a part of my project work, he adds, ``I should be Ideal to others, for that I should still work more hard''. He also Quotes, ``Nothing comes in life so easily. If you have to achieve something you have to do something new and innovative, then only world recognises you as someone, among others or else you will be one among others''.

His story tells us that, Success has no age limit, and no work is small or guilty, when we do it with Passion and heartfully. Now, Janaab.SK.Rasheed Ahmed, is standing as a role model to all upcoming entrepreneurs and unemployed Youth.

In the end of this success story, I want to add a quote that, ``Hard work never goes unnoticed''.

Janaab.SK.RASHEED AHMED AS A CHIEF GUEST IN A RYTHUNESTHAM TRAINING PROGRAM.



INTERVIEW OF Janaab.SK.RASHEED AHMED, FOR A YOUTUBE CHANNEL.



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AS A CERTIFIED LIVESTOCK ADVISOR(CLA) TRAINEE,INTERVIEWED
Janaab.SK.RASHEED AHMED,AS A PART OF MY PROJECT WORK.



SHEEP FARM(DURING CONSTRUCTION)



SHEEP FARM (AFTER CONSTRUCTION)



INTENSIVE TYPE OF RAM LAMB REARING



CULTIVATION OF FODDER CROPS(SUPER NAPIER & HEDGE LUCERNE)



SUPER NAPIER(Non-Legume)



HEDGE LUCERNE(Legume).



GROUND NUT STOVER(Dry Fodder)



CHOPPING OF FODDER WITH CHAFF CUTTER



Taking out RAM LAMBS FOR EXERCISE.



FEEDING OF CONCENTRATE FEED AND TOTAL MIXED RATION(TMR) TO RAM LAMBS.



COLLECTION OF DUNG SAMPLES FOR EXAMINATION IN LAB.



CONDUCTING SHEEP DEWORMING



AS A CERTIFIED LIVESTOCK ADVISOR(CLA) TRAINEE,CONDUCTING ON-FARM TRIALS,AS A PART OF MY PROJECT WORK i.e.,`Effects of Vitamin-E and Selenium(Se) Supplementation on Growth Performance of Ram lambs`.

WEIGHING OF RAM LABS, for study.



Giving IDENTIFICATION MARKS TO EXPERIMENTAL ANIMALS.



ADMINISTRATION OF VITAMIN-E AND SELENIUM(SE) SUPPLEMENT as a part of study on “Effects of Vitamin-E and Selenium(Se) Supplementation on Growth Performance of Ram lambs”;for CLA Project work.





TREATMENT TO AILING ANIMALS.



TRAINING WORKERS ON HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT OF SHEEP.



Maintaining the BRUSH CUTTER, FOR CUTTING OF FODDER.



Maintaining CHAFF CUTTER, FOR CHOPPING OF FODDER INTO PIECES.



WATER SUPPLY THROUGH PIPES FOR FODDER CULTIVATION.



Maintaining GENERATOR,in case of POWER-OFF/EMERGENCY.



ROOMS CONSTRUCTED FOR PERMANENT STAY OF WORKERS.



Thank you