


INFACT's initiatives

Initiative	Goat Action Research (GAR) Group
Summary	Goat Action Research group is a community effort at preserving an indigenous goat variety named Malabari, from extinction.
Objectives	<p>Preserving traditional variety of goats, and there by earn additional income to the rural farmers. Food security also can be me with unpolluted milk and meat. It also aims at an active participation of women in their livelihood practices.</p> 
Approach	Breed improvement through local goats. Selection of farmers, awareness programmes, purchase and distribution of bucks, selection of technical experts, selection of Bucks, insuring bucks, breeding, process continue with the next generation with new buck etc. are the activities. Documentation, monitoring and evaluation are also made.
Important learnings	<p>Positive results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increased the demand for Malabari Goats after initiating the project. ▪ The farmers are interested in the project by their valuable cooperation. ▪ Women are actively participated. ▪ Protection of traditional variety goats from foreign variety like Boer. ▪ Active involvement of the whole sections of the people will be an experiencing factor. ▪ Increased demand for Malabari goats raised the value of the animal husbandry. <p>Negative results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The lack of proper documentation. ▪ Lack of proper dissemination of information especially about the threats other varieties.
Future plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Linkage with other local institutions/agencies and panchayats for this implementation of the project ▪ Identify traditional/local breeds of goats and protect the same. ▪ Identify the traditional/local breeds of animals and protect the same for the conservation.
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