



Advancing Development: Community Swaraj

Workshop on

Advancing GAIN (Goat Advisory – Innovative & Natural) through Knowledge Swaraj

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Madurai Symposium is a Unique Development platform where various Development Stakeholders-People/Community Institutions, Civil Societies, Government, NGOs, Banks, Donors, Philanthropies and Academia, etc., share and learn from each other's experience and practices and looks at opportunities for collaboration. 2021 has special significance for both Madurai and world of development as it marks a century of Mahatma Gandhi's historic identification with Poor by renouncing the formal attire for the simple Dhoti (White loin cloth), leaving the torso bare. Madurai Symposium 2021 is the Tenth edition of Madurai Symposium hosted by DHAN Foundation. The theme of Madurai Symposium 2021 is "Community Swaraj". The year 2021 also marks the DHAN's silver jubilee of its development journey with poor communities across the country.

Knowledge Swaraj

Swaraj, a special term coined by Mahatma Gandhi and later developed by Vinoba which promotes conversion of every village into a self-efficient autonomous entity where all the systems and facilities for a dignified living are available and transfer to next generation. Community have rich knowledge and wisdom from their practices. The knowledge and wisdom should get sustain for generations as Knowledge Swaraj. Knowledge Swaraj is one of the DHAN manifesto which aims to build and sustain the local wisdom for generations. The Knowledge Swaraj also aims to establish a Community resource network & platform for knowledge building & Knowledge sharing

Advancing GAIN through Knowledge Swaraj

Goat Rearing is one of the livelihoods among the poor landless families and it is one of the allied activities of Agriculture farmers too. The margin of profit on Goat rearing is high at the same time the risk involves in Goat Rearing is also very high. Farmers having 1-2 Goats suffers a lot, during the loss of Goats due to diseases/ un-healthy, etc. In most of the cases, Goat farmers are looking for immediate remedy and using whatever the medicine available for the Goats issues. However, there is an enriched knowledge & wisdom among the farmers on Goat Rearing. The traditional practices and knowledge among the farmers on Goat Rearing is getting eroded. There is no formal network among the Goat Farmers to get exchange/ transfer the local practices, knowledge and wisdom to the young farmers/ women. Hence, this workshop on "Advancing GAIN (Goat Advisory: Innovative & Natural) through Knowledge Swaraj". The workshop will lay a platform for the experienced / resource farmers on Goat Rearing to share their experience and also



establish an ICT enabled Community Network for Knowledge Swaraj. DHAN Foundation and its Knowledge Network Partner-NOREC (Norwegian Agency for Exchange cooperation) the workshop on “Advancing GAIN through Knowledge Swaraj”. The workshop will sensitize the need of Innovative and Natural way of Goat Rearing with different stakeholders like General public, lead farmers, Veterinary department officials, etc. It is a State Level Workshop where Farmers across DHAN working states will be participating.

Participants

The expected participants around 60 (Hybrid and Virtual) Farmers, livestock volunteers, DHAN Staff, Veterinary department officials and others. Participants with local practice and wisdom on Goat rearing are specially invited for the workshop

Purpose of the Workshop

- Discuss and deliberate advancing Goat rearing practices through innovative technology and local wisdom.
- Build the perspectives among the stakeholders and practitioners on Traditional practices like Stall feeding, Herbal fodder, treatments, Goat Advisory committee, livestock volunteers, livestock insurance and others.
- Evolve backward and forward linkages for “Goat rearing as a viable Community business through GAIN Knowledge Swaraj”.



Expected outcome

- Advancing GAIN through Knowledge Swaraj
- Farmer's Voluntary declarations on “Stall Feeding”
- Evolve and use suitable ICT driven Knowledge Swaraj tools and techniques.

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