

SUCCESS STORY

Name of the Farmer: **Mrs. Bhubanaswari Devi**
W/o. L. Kulen Sarma
Village: Batabari, Dighirpar, Darrang(Assam)



Mrs. Bhubanaswari Devi one of the residents cum beneficiaries of Batabari Field Unit of the “AICRP on Goat Improvement”, Assam Hill Goat Field Unit is a successful goat farmer and is happy to see the level of confidence in herself.

Before getting her registered as one of the beneficiaries in the project, in the year 2009, Mrs. Devi was forced to work as a wage labourer to meet the expenses of the family. She has lost her husband and has 2 children to look upon. The family has two bigha (two seventh of an acre) of cultivable land which by no means can support their family expenses including the educational expenditure of her two children.

Mrs. Devi has been rearing 2 to 3 goats for the last ten years as a backyard venture, till the intervention of the project, and the income from her goats were very less. Most of the animals could not make it to marketable age due to different parasitic infestations and infections.

However, like many others, with the execution of the project “AICRP on Goat Improvement” in Batabari Field Unit, things started changing. With all the necessary inputs like technical guidance, feed, medicine, timely vaccination etc. from the project, Mrs. Devi’s so called backyard goatery has turned into a successful endeavour. Mrs. Devi took keen interest in various training programmes organized by the project and has adopted scientific measures in all aspects of goatery like feeding, breeding, housing, health care etc.



She proudly says, “Previously, I had to restrict the number of goats to below five for high mortality. But now, I am an owner of 15 healthy goats. The project has encouraged me to lot and made the things possible which was seem to be impossible once.” Mrs. Devi has earned Rs. 13000.00 by selling 5 goats during the year 2013-14. The earning has made many things easy in her life along with the education of her children get going.

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