



This year, she has already earned ₹48,000 by selling goats - **Gomati Majhi, Nuapada District**

Shelter for Livestock: As essential as it is for humans.

Miss. Gomati lived with her Husband and two children, working tirelessly in agriculture and various labor-intensive works. However, her meagre income was insufficient to cover the educational expenses of her children and meet other household needs. As the pressure mounted, she realized that relying solely on agriculture was not enough to secure a better future for her family. She decided to diversify her income sources by venturing into goat rearing and poultry farming, activities that would allow her to break free from financial hardship.

Before her venture into goat rearing, Miss. Gomati cultivated around 3 acres of upland, growing paddy, black gram, and ground nuts. She also raised 12 goats and 40 poultry birds. However, her initial livestock setup lacked proper shelter, leading to unhygienic conditions. This posed a significant challenge to maintaining the health of her animals, and with limited financial resources, she struggled to improve the situation. The lack of proper infrastructure was a major hurdle in scaling her farm and ensuring its success.

Goat shelter plays a crucial role in improving goat rearing practices, reducing mortality due to diseases like Foot and mouth Diseases (FMD) and ensuring the safety of young kids. Traditionally, goat rearing has been an integral part of rural livelihoods, often managed through open grazing and makeshift shelters. However, such traditional methods exposed goats to harsh weather conditions, predators and infectious diseases, leading to high mortality rates and economic losses for farmers.

A well-structured goat shelter provides protection from extreme weather, minimizes direct contact with contaminated soil, and ensures proper hygiene, which significantly lowers the chances of diseases outbreak like FMD, PPR and others. By incorporating scientific goat-rearing practices such as separate sections for kids and pregnancy does, proper ventilation and elevated flooring the survival rate of young goats improves, leading to increased productivity and income generation.



Before shelter feeding and cleaning was difficult

**After the shelter Majhi
Family happy &
Congratulate to SPPIF**



In many rural development initiatives providing goat shelter is promoted as an alternative or supplementary income source alongside agriculture, goats require minimal investment compared to large livestock. Making them an accessible and profitable option for small and marginal farmers, women and self-help groups are particularly encouraged to adopt sustainable goat farming under various governments and NGO-supported programs ensuring financial stable and empowerments.

Thus, investing in scientifically designed goat shelter is not just a step toward better animal health and reduced mortality but also a significant economic boost for rural households. By integrating modern goat rearing practices with traditional knowledge rural communities can ensure sustainable income enhances food security and overall rural development.