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Name of KVK: KVK, Pipalia

Title: Improved Animal Husbandry Practices.

Introduction:

Name of Farmer: Rameshbhai Veljibhai Ruparelia

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Jetpur Road, Gondal Taluka: Gondal, Dist: Rajkot, Gujarat. Mobile No. +91 9909308451

Education: 8th pass

The contribution of farmer:

Rameshbhai is an active farmer, involved in animal husbandry practices and agricultural farming since his youth. He possesses 65 Gir cows, and 4 acres of land covered under organic farming (Cow based Farming). His management practices have made him popular throughout the country and have been recognized by many institutions and organization. He is invited regularly by farmers' groups and different government organization for delivering lectures on dairy management and organic (cow based farming) farming. He also organizes training programme for farmers who are interested in animal husbandry and organic farming. Rameshbhai apply for organic certification namely GOPCA and encourage other organic farmers by providing information, procedure and application form.

Extent of Publicity of his innovation/contribution/success story:

Rameshbhai basically from sandhvaya village and started his occupation with one Gir Cow in jamvadi village of Gondal Taluka. In initial stage, He taking land on lease while his sole intention was only organic farming i.e. based on Gir Cow. He started onion cultivation with inputs such as cow dung, cow urine, ash obtained from cow dung cake etc. He stated that "it was his major breakthrough of his life". He obtained production worth of 46 lakhs. After that he opted for turmeric cultivation which is new in the area on organic basis in which he had bumper production of 36000 kg per acre. Since then he is cultivating turmeric and such other crops on purely organic basis. He is also producing cow based different products. He has invented based on his knowledge automatic seed drill for turmeric sowing in raised bed with pair row system.

Awards

- 1. Rameshbhai had participated in milk production competition yojana organized by State animal husbandry department, Gujarat and was awarded as runner up.
- **2.** Awarded 2nd prize for his innovative work in "Innovative Farmers Meet-2016" organized by DEE, JAU, Junagadh on 08-09/03/2016.

Newspaper articles

His articles are published in various local as well as daily newspapers of different states.