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Padmabhushan Vasantrodada Patil Mahavidyalaya, Kavathe Mahankal

Department of Economics

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## NOTICE

All the students of **Department of Economics** are hereby informed that, Departments have decided to organize **Educational Tour at Punyaslok Ahilyadevi Sheep and Goat Development Area, Rajani Campus during 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023**. The students, who are interested in this Educational Tour, please **register their names prior to 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023** to concern co-ordinator for further details.

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**(2022-23)**  
**Report**

Title	<b>Educational Study Tour</b> at Punyaslok Ahilyadevi Sheep and Goat Development Area, Rajani
Day & Date:	Saturday, 01/04/2023
Organizer	Department of Economics,
Beneficiary:	Students of Department of Economics
No. of Student Participated	25
Co- Ordinator	Mr. K.L. Sakat (HOD, Economics)
Participated Teachers	Mr. C. B. Patil
Background	Department of Economics aimed to provide students with practical insights into the economic dimensions of livestock farming
Objective	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) To understand the economic aspects of sheep and goat rearing.</li><li>2) To explore the role of research centres in promoting sustainable livestock practices.</li><li>3) To analyse the economic impact of sheep and goat farming on local communities.</li></ol>
Conclusion:	The educational study tour to the Sheep and Goat Rearing Development Centre provided students with valuable practical knowledge about the economic aspects of sheep and goat farming. It emphasized the role of research centers in promoting sustainable practices and fostering economic development in the livestock sector.

  
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**Educational Study Tour Report (2022-23)**

**Destination: Punyaslok Ahilyadevi Sheep and Goat Development Area, Rajani**

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### **Introduction**

The educational study tour organized by the P. V. P. Mahavidyalaya, Kavathe Mahankal, Department of Economics aimed to provide students with practical insights into the economic dimensions of livestock farming, focusing on the Sheep and Goat Rearing Development Area, Rajani. This centre serves as a hub for research, training, and development initiatives in the field of sheep and goat farming.

### **Objectives**

1. To understand the economic aspects of sheep and goat rearing.
2. To explore the role of research centres in promoting sustainable livestock practices.
3. To analyse the economic impact of sheep and goat farming on local communities.

### **The Sheep and Goat Rearing Development Area**

The livestock sector plays an important role in the state's economy; about 70% of population thrives on agriculture. Animal Husbandry is an inseparable component of agriculture sector.

Livestock rearing is central to rural livelihoods in a large part of the globe. In India according to Government reports, in the year 2008, the sector contributed about 5.3% of the total GDP and provided food, fibre, energy and medicine essential for human survival.

Sheep and goat rearing is the traditional occupation of economically weaker sections of society, particularly in rain shadow areas. These two species have been a major source of economic sustenance and financial cushioning, especially for an economically weaker section of society.

Nearly 40% of our population belongs to economically poor and therefore programmes involving the development of these small ruminants will directly benefit this population. Comparatively smaller body size and their adaptability to a wide range of agroclimatic conditions have rendered them suitable for weaker sections.



### **Sheep and goat rearing**

Approximately 1 lakh families are depending upon sheep-rearing business. Sheep rearing is done in dry climatic districts such as Pune, Satara, Solapur, Sangli, Kolhapur, Ahmednagar, Nasik, Dhule, Jalgaon, Aurangabad, Jalna, Beed, Latur, Nanded., Osmanabad, Buldhana, Chandrapur, etc. On goat rearing, approximately 48 lakh families are engaged. Both the business is carried out by weaker sections of the society.

### **Meat Production**

Goats \ Sheep constitute a very important species of livestock in India, mainly on account of their short generation intervals, higher rates of prolificacy, and the ease with which the goats as also their products can be marketed. They are considered to be very important for their contribution to the development of rural zones and people. The local initiatives to promote quality labels and innovative products for cheeses, meat and fibres could help goats in keeping a role for sustainable development in an eco-friendly environment all over the world. However, the future of the goat and sheep industry as a significant economic activity will also be very dependent on the standards of living in the countries where there is a market for the goat products.

As per Statistical Report of Dept. of Animal Husbandry, Maharashtra State for the year 2008 – 2009, Sheep and goat meat production is about 34.52 % of total meat production in the state of which 11.34 % is formed sheep and 23.18 % is from goats. Estimated average meat production per sheep and goat is 11 kg.

### **Migratory Aspects**

In Maharashtra sheep & goat rearing occupation is done mainly by Dhangar community. The average size of each sheep flock is 25 to 30 Nos. The Dhangar remain in their village from June to October of every year. During this period they depend on rain-fed crops like Bajara, Jawar, Maize, Sunflower etc. on scanty rainfall. The grass cover available on grazing land and on roadsides, riverbeds suffice up to September end and most of the ewes are conceived during this period. After harvesting the Kharif crops, the shaperds start migrating from Pune, Satara, Sangli districts towards Kokan area where sufficient grazing and water is available as also Kharif crop residues. Sheep flocks from Solapur districts migrate towards Marathwada Region in search of fodder and water. Flocks from Aurangabad, Jalana migrate towards forest areas of Dhule and Jalgaon districts. This migration continues up to the May end, after which flocks return to their native villages.



## **Wool Production**

### **A. Shearing of Wool:**

The Sheep of the state grow a coarse type of wool on their bodies. The sheep are shorn twice during a year. The first shearing is done during June & July. The second shearing is done after six months, of the first shearing.

### **B. Wool production:**

Average wool production is 587 gms. The estimated wool production for the state during 2006-2007 was about 1667 M.T.

### **C. Utilization:**

The wool is short staple & rough. Wool is generally used locally for production of Ghongadies (Kamblies) & Jen (Namdas), Barrack Blankets, which are required for military-paramilitary forces. Approximately 20% wool is used locally & 80% wool is purchased by the mill owners of northern states such as Haryana, Punjab for production of barrack blankets.

Amongst all these markets Lonand, Phaltan is important & well-organized markets. These are under the control of Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee. And Wool Marketing through auction sale takes place at these places during wool shearing seasons. In the State at a Lonand market maximum quantity of wool is auctioned annually. At other marketplaces mentioned above wool, marketing takes place during weekly bazaar days. The wool from Mahmud, Sangola of Solapur district and Parali & Dharur area of Beed district fetches more price as a quality of wool from these areas is superior to that produced in other regions of the State.

## **Conclusion**

The educational study tour to the Sheep and Goat Rearing Development Centre provided students with valuable practical knowledge about the economic aspects of sheep and goat farming. It emphasized the role of research centres in promoting sustainable practices and fostering economic development in the livestock sector.

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5	Patole Santosh Ramdas	9075219948	Karoli (T)	B.A. III
6	Pawar Mayuri Bharat	9511968215	Dorli	B.A. III
7	Gaikwad Shamal Sanjay	8421662586	Dafalapur	B.A. III
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9	Hajare Payal Balkrishna	8421850950	Karoli (T)	B.A. III
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11	Imade Vitthal Balaso	9075819841	Rampurwadi	B.A. III
12	Jagatap Dhanaraj Gorakh	9766197193	Karoli (T)	B.A. III
13	Mulla Arbaj Allabaksh	7741923518	Malangaon	B.A. III
14	Shinde Pratiksha Vasant	9359284575	Kokale	B.A. III
15	Chavan Pratiksha Gulabrao	8390866787	Dhalewadi	B.A. III
16	Desai Pooja Arun	9545824109	Karoli (T)	B.A. III
17	Jagtap Shahaji Ramchandra	9657821164	Deshing	B.A. III
18	Bhosale Siddhi Ashok	9579471495	Ranjani	B.A. III
19	Mohite Nagesh Mohan	8767765603	Rayewadi	B.A. III
20	Mohite Shivam Balaso	9881602762	Rayewadi	B.A. III
21	Phalake Janhavi Adhik	8855860323	Wayafale	B.A. III
22	Pawar Sneha Jagannath	9529349044	Kuchi	B.A. III
23	Sathe Karina Sambhaji	9325118665	Kuchi	B.A. III
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**Sheep and Goat shed Punyaslok Ahilyadevi Sheep and Goat Development Area,  
Rajani**



**A handloom spinning machine in Punyaslok Ahilyadevi Sheep and Goat Development  
Area, Rajani**