

A case-story of Satyaban Pramanik

Farmer name: **Satyaban Pramanik**

Village: Hetasura village, block: Chatna, District: Bankura.

Satyaban is a successful organic grower. After getting training on capacity building and on sustainable agriculture from DRCS, he has incorporated the mixed cropping process in his farming practices. He started vegetable cultivation commercially following mixed cropping from last three years.

He is having agriculture land about 4.5 bigha, in a plot of one bigha land, he has cultivated brinjal with onion and coriander, in between he has planted few black basil trees as pest repellent. Fruits harvested here in huge quantity. In a season, he sells about 1000 kg brinjal /per month in local Jhatipahari market from this plot only!



In plot 2 (about 2 bigha land), he has done mixed cropping. Different vegetables and leafy vegetables i.e., spinach, onion, cowpea, fenugreek, carrot, pumpkin, okra, chilli, tomato, cucumber, long beans, papaya, radish etc. have been cultivated here.

He also cultivates local variety paddy in about 2 bigha land. He earns 30000 (thirty thousand rupees) in a month by selling vegetables only in the local market.

He uses vermi-compost, cow-dung and mustard cake dust as organic fertilizers. The source of water for the irrigation process of his agri-lands is a Hapa nearby. This hapa is used for fish farming purpose also. The three Indian major carps, namely catla, rohu, mrigal, also catfishes and other small fishes are being cultivating here. He has a plan to do fish farming in large scale in near future. Apart from organic cultivation and fish farming; he is doing livestock farming also.

He is rearing cows = 8 Nos, goats and lambs = 20 Nos, country chicken and ducks = 110 Nos. By selling livestock and products he is earning a good amount of money in a year.

He has 3 Nos azolla pits from where he gets sufficient fodder for livestock feeding...



Remarks:-

Previously he used to cultivate mainly paddy and mustard in the whole land. But after the intervention of DRCSC, he started practicing mixed cropping as it decreases the risk of mono-cropping and land degradation. As he turned into sustainable agricultural practices; he now grows varieties of chemical free vegetables throughout the year. Thus quality of soil and space management also improved in the process. All this reflects in his profit-making scenario now. After fulfilling the need of vegetables in own family, he is now selling the excess production in the local market and earns a good amount of money throughout the year. The intervention has helped Satyaban a lot to improve his agricultural practices to a greater extent.