

Success Story: Alladi Baskey – A Progressive Farmer

Alladi Baskey, a member of *KheraoyalJumit Mahila Swanirbhar Dal* from Parashiyadhi village, Purulia, joined **DRCSC** in 2025. She owns **4 bigha of cultivable land** and maintains livestock including **4 goats, 10 sheep, and 11 pigs**.

After joining DRCSC, she actively participated in all **Farmer Field School (FFS)** trainings conducted in her village and gradually, on the journey to develop herself into a **progressive farmer**

Key Interventions:

1. Paddy Cultivation

Land: 4 Bigha (1 Bigha Kerala Sundari, 3 Bigha

BB11 & Swarna)

She cultivates both indigenous and HYV paddy using organic practices like the single stick method and skip row planting, which improved yield and reduced input cost.

Production in 2025-26: Kerala Sundari (3.5 Quintal), Others (12 Quintal)

Income: ₹34,600 | Cost: ₹12,600



2. Mixed Cropping

Crops: Arhar, Groundnut, Roselle (Kharif) | Mustard, Cowpea (Rabi)

With seed support from DRCSC, she practices mixed cropping in both seasons, enhancing soil fertility and ensuring diversified income.

Production: Arhar (15 kg), Groundnut (50 kg), Roselle (15 kg), Mustard (150 kg), Cowpea (5 kg)

Income: ₹16,500 | Cost: ₹5,300



3. Commercial Vegetable Cultivation (CVG)

Crops: Tomato, Onion, Beans | Land: 0.5 Bigha

She adopted DRCSC's CVG model for vegetable cultivation, which provided additional seasonal income and improved market linkage.

Production in 2025-26: 125 kg

Income: ₹3,125 | Cost: ₹1,200



4. Scientific Livestock Rearing

Livestock: Goat – 4, Sheep – 10, Pig – 11

She follows scientific livestock rearing practices including proper shed management, nutritious feeding, clean water, and regular vaccination, which improved animal health and productivity.

Sales in 2025-26: Sheep (4)

Income: ₹13,000 | Cost: ₹550

5. Nutrition Garden

Area: 1.5 Decimal (Homestead Land)

She maintains a nutrition garden with multiple vegetable crops, ensuring household nutrition and reducing food expenses.

Production: 173 kg (5 types of vegetables for 6 months)

Savings: ₹5,160 | Cost: ₹300



Cost–Income–Benefit Analysis (2025–26)

Combination of Activity	Activity	2025-26			Baseline (2024-25)		
		Income (₹)	Cost (₹)	Benefit (₹)	Income (₹)	Cost (₹)	Benefit (₹)
5	Paddy Cultivation	34,600	12,600	22,000	31,000	19,000	12,000
	Mixed Cropping	16,500	5,300	11,200	0	0	0
	Commercial Vegetable Cultivation	3,125	1,200	1,925	2,000	2,100	-100
	Scientific Livestock Rearing	13,000	550	12,450	3,000	1,000	2,000
	Nutrition Garden (Savings)	5,160	300	4,860	0	0	0
	Labour Work	9,000	0	9,000	36,000	0	36,000
	Total	81,385	19,950	61,435	72,000	22,100	49,900

Conclusion

Through continuous training and support from DRCS, Alladi Baskey has transformed her traditional farming system into a **diversified and sustainable livelihood model**. Her adoption of improved agricultural practices, mixed cropping, and scientific livestock management has significantly enhanced her **income, food security, and resilience**, making her a role model for other farmers in the community.

