

SUCCESSFUL STORY

Successful Intregrated Farming System: A Success Story of A Rural Unemployed Youth

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ABSTRACT

The present finding is of a successful farmer Mr. Sanjoy Baruah from the Dibrugarh district of Assam. Interventions like awareness creation, need base Training, frequent monitoring of his field activities and determination are the main focal point behind his achievement to establish a successful IFS model in his farm. Mr. Baruah At present, he is earning on an average Rs. 294,110/- per year from his all enterprises with limited land resources. Probably, this net income may not be a big issue for large farmer but farmer like Mr. Sanjoy it is a big issue for him as compared to his previous income as rice grower (Rs. 45,000/- – 50,000/- per year only).

Key words: Integrated Farming System, components, Income and Rural youth

INTRODUCTION

Mr. Sanjoy Baruah (Age 38 years) is a dweller of Borotichuk village under Dibrugarh district with his wife and two little kids. Basically, he is a rice grower during his early part of life *i.e.* up to 2015. To manage his family expenditure, he needed to work hard every day. With the increase of his family expenditure day by day, he was under mental pressure from where he can earn a good handsome money which bring him to KVK, Dibrugarh. One fine morning he reached to KVK, Dibrugarh for a better way of earning to meet his increasing family expenditure and to have a better life.

INTERVENTION MADE BY KVK

All subject experts including head of the KVK interact with him regarding his problem, resources

available with him, land holdings, etc. Under the instruction of Head, KVK, Dibrugarh, Subject experts of KVK visited his area and formulated a plan of action on his available land holdings. According to the plan, Expert of KVK sequentially conducted series of programme starting from Awareness creation, Training, Demonstration on different profitable Agri and allied enterprises to make his farm a model one. Under the complete guidance, his farm is now become a Model of Integrated Farming System. At present, he has Piggery, Duckery, poultry, field, and horticultural crops and earning a good handsome money and maintaining his family very well.

IMPACT OF KVK INTERVENTION AND HIS INCOME

Presently he is earning on an average Rs. 294,110/- per year from his all enterprises with limited land resources. Probably, this net income may not be a big issue for large farmer but farmer like Mr. Sanjoy it is a big issue for him as compared to his previous income as rice grower

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(Rs. 45,000–50,000/- per year only). His maximum income comes from poultry unit followed by duckery, Fishery and horticultural crops. Only from poultry unit he is earning Rs. 78,000/- net income per year. Now, he has one Tower tiller, one Tractor in group, motor for irrigation and other small farm implements.

APPRECIATION RECEIVED

- a. His integrated activities have been appreciated by different Stake Holders such as local village management committee and progressive farmers of the district
- b. He is appreciated by “Arunjyoti Yuva Sangha 2019” as a successful farmer
- c. Recipient of skill trainings from different organizations like NIRD, Hyderabad; RSETI, Dibrugarh, and Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat.

SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT

- a. Conventionally, he is a rice grower up to 2015, but through his innovative thinking, he shifted his

traditional rice cultivation to modern agriculture with incorporation of poultry, piggery, duckery, and improved variety of both horticultural and field crops ie to a Integrated farming system

- b. To increase yearly income started off season vegetable cultivation in his farm
- c. Now, he is a Model farmer in this area and other fellow farmers using to follow him.

CONCLUSION

Integration of awareness creation, need base Training, frequent monitoring of his field activities and determination are the main focal point behind good achievement to establish a successful IFS model in a farm. Rural youth like Mr. Baruah at present, he is earning on an average Rs. 2,94,110/- per year from his all enterprises with limited land resources. Probably, this net income may not be a big issue for large farmer but farmer like Mr. Sanjoy is a big issue for him as compared to his previous income as rice grower (Rs. 45,000/- – 50,000/- per year only). Thereby integration of different IFS components can only boost up the income as a farmer with limited land holdings.