

Success stories of successful farmwomen, KVK,Ganjam-II

Name- Laxmi Pradhan.

Age- 38 years.

Educational qualification- Illiterate

Address-

Mrs.Laxmi Pradhan.

W/o Mr. Murali Pradhan.

Village- Jharapalli. Block- Chikiti.



Background information-Mrs. Sabita Pradhan, a small farmer of village Jharapalli practicing traditional cultivation of paddy followed by green gram & blackgram in bund and to some extent seasonal vegetable in 2 acres of land which was only a meager source of income. She was identified as a hired labour during paddy seed production programme taken up by KVK Ganjam-II. Her keen interest and eagerness in performing KVK technologies has laid the foundation stone for KVK interventions.

Technology support- Motivated by technologies demonstration in KVK instructional farm she used to approach KVK Ganjam-II frequently for technology support.

Technologies intervention-

- Varietal introduction in rice (Hasant, Pratibha & Mrulalini), green gram(IPM 02-3. IPM 02-14), ragi (Bhairabi, Arjun, Kalua) INM, weed management, need based disease & pest control practices in rice, green gram.
- Introduction of HYV as well as offseason vegetable varieties in tomato, onion, cabbage, cauliflower, soil test based fertilizer application & use of bio pesticide in vegetables.
- Training on vermin-composting & azolla production.
- Income generation through rearing poultry var. Vanraja & Kadaknath.
- Capacity building in mushroom cultivation.
- Training on value addition of local produce.
- She has also procured flour mill, dal mill and spices processing unit with support from NGO & OLM.

Output & outcome

- She has earned Rs. 13000/- from HYV rice cultivation in 0.4 ha area.
- With availing bore well from district support she has cultivated green gram var. IPM 02-14 in 0.25ha land and bagged net income of Rs. 5725/-.

- Profit from vegetable cultivation is about Rs. 35000/- after meeting the family requirement.
- She has started mushroom cultivation during 2019-20 and produced 125 kg paddy straw mushroom both from paddy straw and threshed straw and profit is Rs. 13750/- within 2 months.
- She has also getting a sizeable income from preparing & supplying bio- tonic I.e Handikhata and fish tonic @ Rs. 30/- per liter to farmers & NGOs.
- Her income from running a small processing units i.e flour mill, dal mill and spices mill @ Rs.5/- per kg of product is very appreciable.
- She is also selling poultry birds and eggs during demanding occasion.

In spite of an alarming situation of COVID-19 her net income from agriculture and allied sectors is about Rs. 123000/-. She is the member of Maa Dibya Jyoti SHG & role model for women farmers of her nearby villages . She supported her husband Mr. Murali Pradhan in continuing higher education of 3children . She has also investing some amount in new technology adoption in agriculture and allied allied sectors.

