

MANDARAMALINI PG 6 WOMENS FARMERS ORGANIC PROCESS VEGETABLE CHANGE A LITTLE BIT SUPPORT OF ITDA, Keonjhar

Ranjita Nayak, Sukanti Munda,, Janaki Khatua,Sukesu Sahu,Nandini Bhoi, Jemamani Khatua 6 tribal women members of producers groups of Sadar block of Kathakaranjia village under APC project .it is a decided to the doubling income through cultivation of vegetablewith a variety of safely grown food, and not just cereals grown by using lots of chemical fertilizers that are available in the market. The Mandaramalini PG,Kathakanjia 10 person identified 10 acres of land, both upland and relatively plain, vegetables without using any inorganic fertilizers. After a meeting IDA representative through APC project intervention plan prepared for Rabi crops of the family, there is a phase of 10 acres land which is vacant near the ARDEI river, thatway plan submit to ITDA and ITDA cabbage and cauliflower seeds support to the PG. Organic farming and the soil covering nearly acres of farmland around the village has never been fed with any fertilizer that is inorganic. “PG are use the ITDA seed support, Organic fertilizers Neems, Vermin compost them without applying any fertilizer available in the market.

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କେନ୍ଦ୍ରୀୟ, ୧୯୯୮(ପପ୍ପ): ଉତ୍ପାଦନର ସମ୍ଭବ ଓ ଲାଭକାରୀ ଭାବେ ମଧ୍ୟ ଶାସନ ପରିଷଦର ଉଦ୍ଦେଶ୍ୟ ହୋଇପାରେ । କେବଳ ଶାସନ ଉଦ୍ଦେଶ୍ୟ ପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣ କରିବା ନାହିଁ । ଏହି ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପରେ ଗ୍ରାମିଣ ସମାଜର ସର୍ବମୁଖ୍ୟ ସମସ୍ୟା ଓ ସମ୍ଭାଷଣ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମର ଅଭାବ ଓ ଅନୁପାଳନ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠା କରିବା ଉପରେ ଗୁରୁତ୍ୱ ଦିଆଯାଇଛି । ଏହି ଗ୍ରାମିଣ ଉଦ୍ଦେଶ୍ୟ ସମାଜର ସର୍ବମୁଖ୍ୟ ସମସ୍ୟା ଓ ସମ୍ଭାଷଣ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମର ଅଭାବ ଓ ଅନୁପାଳନ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠା କରିବା ଉପରେ ଗୁରୁତ୍ୱ ଦିଆଯାଇଛି ।

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As per the planning for Kharif crop The Maize cultivation 5 acres of land Explaining how such production is possible, Ranjita Nayak says, “Because face water scarcity during Rabi, PG members are decided to the method of Rabi crop for the Cabbage & Cauliflowers the same land. The moisture stored in the mulch also supported to the plants in the farm. Apart from this,the PG members planned 10 acres of land covered, organic farming has now become the popular and viable agricultural practice in Sadar blocks of Keonjhar .

Although organic farming is the tradition in parts of this region, economic viability has increased in the past few years, after some modifications in practice. “Earlier, we used to add cow dung compost to the soil and sow the seeds in the fields,” “The

production was very low. In some years, it was not even sufficient for our own consumption.”

The local residents have knowledge of the best practices, which includes soil as well as climatic conditions. They only need to bring in some modifications to it for better production as well as viability, says Dambarudhar Sethy, PM, IDA, Keonjhar, a local non-profit working to popularize organic farming. “The role of IDA has been to popularize organic farming in the region by converting it into a viable economic activity. “Realizing that the production has to increase to fetch the farmers more benefit, we have connected the farmers with experts like Sarat Ch. Das, the retired agronomist Agriculture deptt.

The model of zero-budget natural farming because it means producing crops at zero or near-zero cost. SMS & CC of IDA has visited the place and offered training to farmers on production of organic fertilizers named Jeevamruta (both in solid and liquid forms) using cow dung, cow urine, besan and organic pesticides using neem leaves, karanja leaves, garlic in different compositions. They have now formed groups comprising landholders and landless poor and taken up patches of land on lease to grow variety of vegetables. One of the best features of these collective models of women farmers is that even the group has equal share of the harvest. The group of six woman farmers from tribal community of Kathakaranjia village, named Mandaramalini Producer Groups, has received through ITDA support has several accolades for growing about 3 crops including cow-pea, sweetcorn, Cabbage & cauliflowers vegetables, in one season by dedicating one row for each crop. Women’s Farmers preparing organic pesticides for their Cabbage and



Cauliflowers fields.

Synchronized process cultivation and 2.5 lakh selling the vegetable and they are happy to cultivate and selling the vegetable also income is doubling through the organic way cultivation says the President Narmada

Mahanta. Before cultivation the sweet corn first they are getting the benefit of lakhs rupees which is inspiring to the all PG membes for the kharif season and plan to be the 6 women in the group through planning at village level monthly meeting. For the Covid-19 situation 6 women's are faces to maintain their livelihood but the small support and plan change to the 6 women's entire livelihood.