

Sri Puwaram Boro'sa progressive fish farmer who initiated cuchia farming in state

The grit and determination with which some of the farmers have succeeded despite the odds against them has served as a valuable guide for others. Puaram Boro is one of such progressive fish farmer. In fact today getting a job is like searching a needle in hay stack. In this age of job crisis fish farming is a growing and very profitable trade. It has changed the facets of many youth and has empowered them with self employment capabilities. Initially Puaram was a servant of a village rich family, then he got job in Assam Police. But working 2 years in police job he left the services and started fish farming with technical support from Deptt. of Fishery in a very marginal way. With this small fishery he has succeeded and have able to come up with large fishery ventures.

Puaram Boro aged about 45 years who hails from backward and insurgent hit area of Gorreswar in Baska district under Bodoland Territorial Autonomous Districts (Assam). Immediately after gave up the job, Puaram started his fish farming activities in a small existing derelict water body. It is proud to be mentioned here that Puaram is a mentor and guide to dozens of upcoming fish farmers throughout the N.E region particularly in cuchia farming who sets example of producing cuchia in a very simple manner. Puaram, who by dint of his continuous hard work changes the tide of their economic situation of their family in the last 15 years. He expressed that the fish farming is fascinating that requires less investment and little work for success. He believes that the only requirement for success is continuous hard work and devotion without any distraction.

Puaram is presently having about 100 bigha of pond area who adopted scientific fish farming. Besides cuchia farming where he is termed as specialist he has integrated pig cum fish farming unit, integrated fish cum horticulture unit, seed raising unit, composite fish farming unit etc. It is really unbelievable that he is having a good scientific temperament whose net profit has already exceeded Rs. 15.00 lakh per annum.

Puaram started his fish farming profession as table fish producer in his initial stages and gradually enters into cuchia farming under the guidance of Mr Bipul Khatoniar, then Fishery Extension Officer of Baksa. He is presently well established in cuchia production and also cuchia seed producer in natural way and supplies entire N.E. region.. He is well supported by his hard working wife who mobilizes and motivates village women for taking up fish farming activities for earning their livelihood, acts as a perfect catalyst for "women empowerment" in their locality.

"Seeing is believing"- this proverb holds good for dozens of upcoming youth of N.E region who adopt cuchia farming activities as their livelihood and whose role model is Puaram.

A matriculate tribal youth who inspires a lot of youth and who opens a new vista for dozens of educated unemployed youth in their locality and who uses scientific method for production of fish in his farm, encourages fellow villagers for sustainable and eco-friendly environment.