

PRASANNA RABHA, A PROGRESSIVE FISH FARMER TO BE RECKONED

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.

Sri Prasanna Rabha aged about 40 years who hails from backward and insurgent hit area of Khairabari in Udalguri district under Bodoland Territorial Autonomous Districts (Assam). Immediately after completing his 10th standard examination in 1998, Sri Rabha started his fish farming activities in his father's half a bigha (700 sq.m approx.) existing derelict water body. Sri Rabha was properly guided by another progressive fish farmer of that locality, Sri Dharmeswar Rabha. It is proud to be mentioned here that Sri Dharmeswar Rabha is a mentor and guide to dozens of upcoming fish farmers in Khairabari, who sets example of producing quality fish seed and higher production of fish per unit area. Both Rabha were technically supported by Department of Fisheries. Fishery Department tried their best possible way to dissemination of technology to Prassana.

Sri Prasanna Rabha, who by dint of his continuous hard work and the help from extension machineries of Department changes the tide of their economic situation of their family in the last 15 years. Sri Rabha 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.

Sri Rabha is presently having about 20 bigha (2.5 hectares) of pond area who adopted scientific fish farming. It is really unbelievable that he is having a good scientific temperament whose net profit has already exceeded Rs. 5.00 lakh per annum.

Sri Prasanna Rabha, who started his profession as table fish producer in his initial stages and gradually enters into quality fish seed production through hapa breeding under the guidance of another progressive fish seed producer Sri Motilal Barman who happened to be one of the learners of Sri Dharmeswar Rabha. Department also offeres technical support in this regard. He is also practicing integrated farming with the help of Fishery Deptt.

Sri Rabha is presently well established quality fish seed producer and supplier of Udalguri district. He is well supported by his hard working wife Mrs. Dhanada Rabha, 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 Khairabari area who adopt fish farming activities as their livelihood and whose role model is Sri Prasanna Rabha.

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 is really deserved to introduce before the large section of readers of this scientific journal for his untiring contribution for Blue Revolution in his district Udalguri in general and in Kharabari area in particular. Mr Prassanya rabha was adjudged 2nd best fish farmer of the state for the year 2016-17.

Dreams are meant to be realized only when the path towards it has to be located.