

SUCCESS STORY UNDER BPKP-2022-23 to 2024-25

Department: Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment, Govt. of Odisha

Name: Pradeep Behera

Village: Bandhagada

Panchayat: Bandhagada

Block: Phiringia



Sri Pradeep Behera's experience highlights the transformative impact of the BharatiyaPrakritik Krishi Paddhati (BPKP) scheme on the lives of farmers. Before the intervention of the scheme, Pradeep faced challenges such as low yields and poor-quality produce, which made it difficult for him to sustain his family solely through farming. This led him to consider leaving farming and seeking work as a laborer in Tamil Nadu.

However, the introduction of the BPKP scheme provided a new opportunity for Pradeep. Through interactions with field functionaries of the Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment, Govt. of Odisha, he was encouraged to register for the scheme and avail its benefits. Attending organic training programs under the scheme equipped him with valuable knowledge about organic farming practices, including the production of organic manure.

Upon returning, Pradeep implemented the techniques he learned during the training programs and made simple modifications to his farming practices. As a result, he experienced a significant increase in yield during the kharif season when he cultivated Niger and Turmeric. This success renewed his enthusiasm for farming and inspired him to continue with vegetable cultivation using the same organic practices after the harvest of Turmeric and Paddy.

Pradeep's story demonstrates how access to knowledge and resources through government schemes like BPKP can empower farmers to improve their livelihoods and achieve sustainable agricultural practices. By embracing organic farming techniques, Pradeep not only increased his yields but also regained confidence in farming as a viable livelihood option for himself and his family.