

SUCCESS STORY IN FISH FARMING

NEPAL SINGH



In a state where people claim fate is more important for success, the success story of a veteran farmer from Thithki Quadpur an interior village of Haridwar district is a shining example of how technologically and innovative cultivation methods can transform the agrarian economy and uplift the lives of millions of farmers. It had been an incredible journey for Nepal Singh who was unemployed and was working as a daily wage labour before 2004 entered the world of fisheries and allied activities. He got himself involved in fisheries in the year.

2004 when a village society pond of area 5.50 hectate was awarded to him on lease. Realising the benefits of working in a group he gradually formed a self-help group in the year 2005 and a primary fisheries cooperative society in the year 2006 to carry out the farming works effectively. His dedication perseverance and hard work helped him bagging the progressive farmer award given by Gujrat Govt in the year 2012-13 for which he received a cash prize of Rs 51,000/-. Nepal Singh had emerged as role model in the district and he has been instrumental in encouraging the fisherman community to pursue aqua farming. He motivated the people from fisherman community and helped in formation of 09 fisheries cooperative societies by year 2009. This has resulted that at present there are 32 fisheries cooperatives in district Haridwar. He also formed a district level federation in the year 2015-16

“This could not have been possible without the support, service, technical help and motivation from the State Fisheries Department,” says Nepal. He was benefitted by the fisheries department Haridwar in the year 2007-08 when he received subsidy for the renovation of his pond. Department also helped him in providing fish seed from government fish seed hatchery, Kashipur Udham Singh Nagar, which after growing out to table sized in

his ponds are sold to retailers and wholesalers. In the beginning he was not so sure about the tools and techniques for fish farming except some traditional ways. His interest in fish farming helped him to cope with the growing trends of fish farming. The local agriculture agency ATMA also helped with in various ways to set up his farming. He availed loans from the banks and strengthened his farming with modern technologies.

Besides fisheries and agriculture he had also been engaged in agriculture & horticulture till now. The farmer has grown papaya, Amla, banana along the dykes of the pond which in turn provide an extra source of income. He has also practiced sericulture, poultry, duck farming which have further added to his income. He never compromises with the norms for quality and quantity of his farming throughout the year which is the key factor for his success. As fresh fish is highly demanded in the markets of his locality, marketing is not a problem for him. The fish varieties cultured by him were IMC ie catla, rohu, mrigal, but later he also started farming grass carp, silver carp, common carp, big head, etc.

In year 2020, scheme worth more than Rs 70 crore have been sanctioned under NDCD funded programme which are being administered through district level federation. This programme helped him to introduce pangasius fish in his pond and establishing a duck hatchery through which he is making ducklings available to the fish farmers in the state. Along with this he has shifted from traditional feeding of rice bran & oil cake to fishes to pelleted feed. Furthermore probiotics are also added to improve the fish gut fauna for digestion and quality feed is given scientifically as advised by the department officials. His last year earnings from fish culture and allied activities were nearly Rs 8 lakhs as net profit.

It could be concluded that the man is now a fisheries entrepreneur and a community role model in fisheries. Local agencies, KVKs, farmers and other allied departments organize demonstration programmes in his model fish farm. He had promoted the concept of using quality fish seeds, use of advanced fingerlings, integrated fish farming, use of probiotics and pelleted fish feed based on his experiences and the training that he had experienced by the Fisheries Department.



COLLECTION OF FISH FROM COOPERATIVE PONDS IN DISTRICT HARIDWAR



ESTABLISHMENT OF SOLAR POWER PROJECT ON POND OF NEPAL SINGH



ESTABLISHED GROWT CENTRE AT POND SITE



INTEGRATED FISH FARMING (DUCKLINGS)



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