

Biodata of Progressive Farmers to be rewarded in OUAT Farmers Fair 2025 during 18-19 February, 2025

Name of the KVK: Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Boudh

Name and Address	: <p>Name : Soumitree Pradhan Village : Patalipada GP : Ambajhari Block : Boudh Family Members : 6nos. Land holding : 5 acres Linkage with KVK since: 2018</p>																			
Telephone /Mobile Number	: <p>8658542121</p>																			
Category of farmers	: <p>Medium Farmer</p>																			
Enterprise taken up	: <p>IFS(Fishery+ Poultry+ Mango Orchard+ Vegetables)</p>																			
KVK intervention/services provided to the farmers through training (FLD, OFT, Extn. Activities)	: <p>Mr. Soumitree Pradhan, a young progressive farmer, was engaged in With an average educational qualification up to 10th standard, Sri. Das with a family of four members were formerly depended on single crop of rice to support his family. The deliberations during one of the farmers' meeting organised by KVK, Boudh on IFS an approach for sustainable agriculture & doubling the farmers income, He was motivated to implement the aqua-horticulture system in less-utilised dike area of his ponds. He has developed the IFS model with his technical knowledge whatever he knows with the help of KVK & dept. of Agriculture & Farmers welfare. He develops a model farm with a small-scale fishery, poultry unit, Mango Orchard, and at bund vegetable cultivation. He built a model farm and raised 2500 chicks and accommodates nearly over 600 improved poultry birds (Deshi, Kadaknath, Vanaraja, Turkey, Gini etc.). He is attending KVK Programme through online and offline training programme for technical support in regular basis. Farm demonstrations and other activities also helped him to adopt new innovations. He is having a habit of watching ANNADATA Programme in Doordarshan inspired him. He is in touch with Agriculture and all line departments officials for technical support. KVK Boudh Providing advisory services through mobile apps, WhatsApp groups and provides literature.</p>																			
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		Technology Adopted	Record keeping to avail better marketing opportunities. 2. Demonstration on Transfer of Technology through harnessing human values in Agriculture.
Employment generated	:		The candid utilisation of the dike area for economic gains through horticulture besides pisciculture has become a role model for farmers in the region. His IFS model farm not only ensures sustainable resource utilization but also increases rural employment opportunities, reducing migration to cities. He has also been able to create 5 full-time jobs and seasonal employment for 10 worker in his model IFS for the all-round development of society.
Socio-economic upliftment with data	:		Being a average educational qualification he is now proud of leading a self contained independent life. His IFS is full of latest scientific interventions from the Krishi Vigyan Kendra and different line departments. He has tilapia fish, fresh water prawn in his pond. KVK, Boudh has designated him as “Farmer Professor” being a role model to the fellow farmers of the locality. Mr Pradhan developed the appropriate skill and knowledge in different enterprises and applied them in his field. He improved his knowledge and skill in agriculture and allied technologies like, fish farming cultivation of highly valued horticultural crops in pond dike, low-cost farm-made fish feed preparation, and effective disease and pest management in horticultural crops. He used to recommend practices of brooding, feeding, and litter management with a proper vaccination schedule. He is now able to minimize the cost of production in rice, fish farming, and poultry farming by utilizing farm waste and the proper utilization of available resources. Many farmers, rural youth visit his farm to seek information about IFS to replicate the same in their own situations. He has established strong linkages with about 150 farmers, farm women, rural youth. Through WSHGs and promoted different allied agricultural activities related to IFS through cluster approach to enhance socio-economic well-being. About 50 farm women in the areas were trained on poultry farming . Seven farm families followed him as a role model having expertise in various fields of IFS and financial benefits.
Any other information	:	Photographs:	     