

Joint efforts of RDD, District Administration and PRADAN results in jobs in MNREGA

This initiative has curbed the cultivation of poppy and farmers adopting mango plantation and cash crops as intercropping with watermelon and High value vegetables.

The major upland around 40 percent remains unutilised in these regions...

Despite of huge potential land resource tribals migrate to other areas in search of wages...

Upland has huge potential of cash crops like vegetables and fruit plants (horticulture)...

Reason being lack of knowledge, lack of Capital required, lack of irrigation infrastructure (only 13 percent land has irrigation facility in jharkhand)

Mango Plantation in upland: A solution under Mnrega

Successful Pilot by PRADAN in year 2001

In the year 2001 pradan successfully piloted mango plantation in Gumla ,Lohardagga with support of

Govt. which provided additional income to the families...

Fruit of One acre of land in mature stage helping farmers earning more than 1 lac rupees....

Additionally, farmers earn minimum 50-60 thousands from intercropping of vegetables in the mango field in one acres of land

PRADAN with Govt. Of Jharkhand (RDD) scaled up this initiative under Mnrega in the districts like Khunti,Gumla,Lohardagga, West Singhbhum, Godda and Dumka.

These successful pilot done by pradan helped State mnrega to take up Mango plantation...as one of the activities under core mnrega work.

Under MGNREGA :

In the year 2016 piloted in few blocks in limited number and now being scaled up....

Will send the data year wise....

PRADAN along with other CSOs helped State to

scale it up

Role of Civil Society organisations like PRADAN and others were important in providing technical assistance and handholding support to families...

They worked with Govt...as CFT (cluster facilitation team) with Mnrega....

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He quotes further, "Jharkhand because of its agroclimatic advantage provides a very suitable climatic condition for mango cultivation. Jharkhand is deficit in fruit and vegetable production and in recent years the demand of fruits and vegetable have increased. The government department

and program like tribal welfare, NABARD, SGSY has done mango plantation and these are in bearing stage now. This has created a huge demand in the community.

Now MGNREGS has opened windows for jharkhand farmer to take mango plantation in scale. There are CSOs who have worked under CFT project and have helped MGNREGS plantation reach to even remote village. While ICARRCER Palandu is a good resource organization who is providing technical support in mango plantation."

In totality this is the activity which has the potential to double farmer income and bring them out from abject poverty.

Prem Shankar, Team Coordinator at PRADAN who has intensively worked on MGNREGA Quotes

It is advisable that one farmer should plant 50-100 plants to get 50,000-100000 INR from a mature orchards...there are regular

bearing varieties like Amarpali and Malika which fits into high density cropping. In addition farmer can do vegetable cultivation in between the row spaces and earn additional income. Wherever mango cultivation gets success it is the mix model which farmer have adopted ie intercropping with mango.

Further, this year CM Jharkhand Sri Hemant Soren has made the plantation scheme more comprehensive and beneficial for the community.

He has inaugurated Birsa Harit Gram Yojna which covers Mango plantation, Mixed fruit plantation and Linear plantation as well.

As per new scheme A landless family too can use the GM land for plantation and user rights will be given to them by Govt.

Plantation under MGNREGA : Increasing women participation in MGNREGA

Large number of women

are working in their fields and enhancing their income.

Right from Influencing the family to take up the orchard to getting handsome return from Intercropping in the orchard.

Capacity building and handholding support by Civil Society organisations like PRADAN and others helping the Youths to earn a good livelihood.

Helping Youths retain in the Village and checking Distress Migration

Bringing Nutrition to the family :

This area is having deficit in vegetable cultivation and so the families were not having enough vegetables in their diet.

But now the Vegetable cultivation with Support of professionals from PRADAN, SHG women and their family members consume vegetables round the year which is resulting better health and nutrition of community.