

Satya Narayan Krushak Club, Dist: Bargarh

(A Pioneer in Sustainable Agriculture)

Jhenganadihi village in Paikmal block has a population of about 250 households. About one third of the field in the village is irrigated by a small irrigation project for which the villagers grow a varieties of crop such as green gram, mustard, vegetables etc. during the winter months after harvesting the main crop of paddy. After getting irrigation initially many farmers were using chemicals fertilizers and pesticides but gradually they could realize that because of excessive

use of declining and agriculture was 2006, SVA on organic SRI with few Siba Narayan farmer adopted took up SRI in from SRI was the village and outside came felicitated by Shri Damodar because of his and SRI. Since



Line transplantation of paddy has proven to be giving higher yield by 20% to 30%. The farmers clubs have been promoting such simple and inexpensive technologies in West Odisha.

making various types of organic manures and also he sells magic compost, jibamrut etc. to other farmers. Inspired by Siba Narayan and other leading farmers of the club hundred of farmers in region are gradually switching over to organic agriculture and taking up various off farm activities to supplement their incomes. During 2007, SVA had provided nine sheeps to few Self Help Group members in the village. Now sheep rearing has become a major activity for many of the Self Help Group members. The villagers also have been involved in taking up various community activities and this year they are working for construction of a Kalyan Mandap in their village.

chemical the soil fertility was also the net income from diminishing. During the year organized a series of trainings agriculture and also initiated farmers. For the first time Shri Rana who is a progressive to organic agriculture and one of his plots. The yield a big surprise for everyone in also hundreds of farmers from to visit his field. Shri Rana was the State Agriculture Minister Rout in a State level function interest in organic agriculture 2006, Siba Narayan has been

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