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A Success Farmer Share his Tactics with Agriculture Scholars

The final year B.Sc., (Hons.) Agriculture students (2018-19 Batch) of College of Agricultural Technology, Theni have undergone Village Stay Programme (VSP) as a part of the course Rural Agricultural Work Experience (RAWE) at Nilakkottai in Dindigul District of Tamil Nadu, India for about 90 days. They have been allotted 12 Revenue villages to gather experience with the famers. In that, they got an inspirational experience by a progressive farmer Mr. A.Kennadi of Silukkuvarpatti Village of Nilakkottai Block. The success story of abovementioned farmer is briefed in this topic.

SUCCESS STORY OF THE FARMER OF SILUKKUVARPATTI, DINDIGUL DISTRICT

We are final year students of college of Agriculture technology -Theni. We are undergoing Rural Agricultural Work Experince (RAWE) program in Nilakottai Taluk, Dindugal district. We have been allotted 12 Revenue villages of Nilakkotttai Block in Dindigul District. In general, Nilakkottai Block is coming under rain shadow region so that it is blessed with low rainfall in every monsoon seasons. Even though, the farmers in this location are eagerly doing their farming with utmost interest. Among all the villages a farmer Mr. A.Kennadi, B.E. (Biomedical Engineering) graduate in Silukuvarpatti, Nilakottai Taluk, Dindigul District, Tamil Nadu. He has 3 acres farming land and now he cultivates Jasmine flowers. He successfully is doing his Jasmine cultivation with Rs. 4-5 Lakhs profit / annum. He says that, he follows some special techniques given by Rural Development Officers (Agricultural officers) for his huge profit through jasmine farming. He bought healthy saplings of Jasmine from Rameshwaram, Thangachi Monastery. Each sapling priced as Rs.3. He bought 3000 saplings for the entire 3 acres. For conserving sufficient moisture in the jasmine field, he uses drip irrigation. Besides, he rears cattle, goat and poultry

and their wastes have been properly collected and incorporated in the field as manure for better nutrient delivery and to maintain soil health. By that, he economizes the fertilizer bill and considerably reduces the chemical fertilizer application in his field. He practices some ITK techniques like preparing Panchagavya, Dasagavya which are having the capacity to act as plant growth hormones as well as insect repellents. He uses bio fertilizers like Rhizobium, Azotobacter, Azospirillum, Blue Green Algae (BGA), Trichoderma viride and *Pseudomonas fluorescens* which are reducing the quantity of the chemical fertilizers to be dumped in the field. In addition to that, he also does Vermiculture to enrich soil fertility. Apart from that, some beneficial schemes of State and Central

Government and certain new technologies of Agriculture Department are also adapted in his crop husbandry with the help of Agricultural and Horticultural Officers. By his appealing farming he earns huge profit at an average of Rs. 1 lakh/month and leads a peaceful life with his family.

CONCLUSION

By the farming experience with Mr. A. Kennedy, we concluded the importance of integrated farming system and how far it is promoting him to attain a perch in his occupation. Though he is a B.E graduate he doesn't feel inferior to do Agriculture and so that he can earn more profit. Additionally, he maintains his soil quality without compromising the natural fertility of the soil.