



Goalpara

Mr. Hemen Chandra Rabha of Goalpara district under Rangjuli block was once a distressed farmer. Mr. Rabha did everything in his capacity and used every resource at his disposal to raise his yields, but in vain. Water scarcity it was, the prime reason for his dampened yields. But, as the saying goes, "If there is a will, there is a way", Mr. Rabha's firm will have shown him the way. He availed the benefits of irrigation assistance through the Govt-sponsored PMKSY scheme and installed a Solar Pump in his fields. He is now able to irrigate 30 bighas of his farm land thoroughly with the help of solar pumps resulting in around 30% to 40% increase in rice production. "Earlier, the cost of production was high and I could only cultivate one crop a year. Now I cultivate multiple crops throughout the year," he says.



"Thank you to the Department of Irrigation, Government of Assam for providing necessary irrigation facilities and making our lives better," says a farmer from Krishnai in Goalpara district Dukewar Rabha whose crop production increased manifold with the help of solar pumps that he received under the PMKSY scheme. Now, Dukewar does farming activities in 4 bighas of land and earns double of what he used to earn earlier. He is into Palm cultivation. The yields have increased many times over after receiving proper water for his farming.



South Salmara



Saidur Rahman of village : Rangapani Pt-i in South Salmara Mankachar district is a grower of potatoes. Until the last season, his 12-14 bighas of land was yielding around 4000 kgs of crops. Since the advent and implementation of the PMKSY-HKPP Scheme, improved irrigation in his fields in the form of a Solar Tube Well has resulted in a 30% increase in his production. Seeing the increase in production of potatoes, Saidur Rahman is looking to diversify into growing cucumbers, beans and corn.



Afzalur Rahman of village : Kanaimara Pt-i in South Salmara Mankachar district grows tomatoes, Ladies finger, cabbage & various other vegetables. A small farmer with 2-3 bighas to his name, bringing in water into his fields was a persistent problem. This also had an adverse effect on his crops with average production stagnating at around 40 kgs per bigha. The implementation of the PMKSY-HKPP Scheme saw the installation of a Solar Tube Well on his field. This has had an immediate positive effect on his production with a 30% increase in yield. Gaining confidence seeing this increase in production, Afzalur Rahman is looking to rotate his crops by trying his hand at growing pumpkins, chillies & ridge gourds in addition to his regular crops.

