

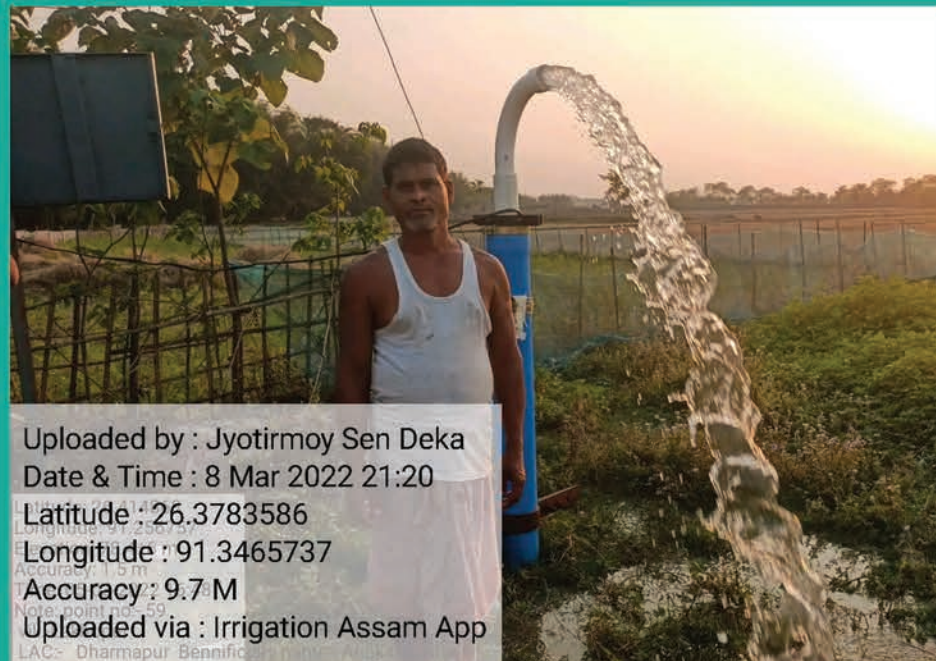


Nalbari

Shri Pradip Malakar, of Sariahtali village, Nalbari district is a grower of rice, mustard & red lentils. Lack of proper & timely irrigation facilities and insufficient rainfall had been severely affecting his production, causing him to suffer financial losses over the last few years. Things had become dire, with crop losses due to water scarcity mounting every year and yields falling to only 400 kgs of rice & about 40 kgs of mustard & red lentils per bigha from his 30 bigha farm land. Amidst this climate of gloom, the PMKSY-HKPP Scheme with its Electric TubeWell came as a game changer for Shri Malakar. "Within a season, my production of rice has gone up to around 1000 kgs per bigha and mustard has tripled to 120 kgs per bigha. Finally, I can see a bright silver lining in the dark clouds," says Shri Malakar with a sigh of relief.



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The first time Ayub Ali of Loharkatha village, Nalbari district tried his hand at growing Sali paddy on his 6-7 bighas of land, his honest efforts yielded a produce so small & unviable that he swore off farming for good. "It was a combination of bad luck & worse irrigation facilities. I hardly had enough water to wash my hands of this business of growing rice," quips Ayub. But his friends told him about this PMKSY-HKPP Scheme under which the Government of India was helping farmers with their irrigation problems. Hesitant at first, he eventually relented to his friends and got a Solar TubeWell installed in his fields under the Scheme. Lo and behold, the same land that gave him only 320 kgs of rice per bigha, now yielded a bountiful 800 kgs per bigha. "I couldn't believe my eyes. Truly, water is the stuff of life," says a grinning Ayub Ali. "Now I feel more confident in pursuing agriculture. I'm even thinking of trying out Irri rice for the next season."



Kamrup

Mr. Dilip Kumar Bodo has his own success story to tell. Belonging to a humble family in Bariabari, Palashbari of Kamrup District, Mr. Bodo ran hither and thither to make ends meet. The farmlands he owns produced less yields due to acute dearth of water. A major chunk of his production cost was spent in irrigating his land manually. As a result, his cost of production soared high and his income dried up. But his gloomy days were soon to be over. His decision of installing a Solar Pump that he availed through PMKSY, proved to be a game changer for him. He now cultivates a variety of crops including Sweet Potato, Hybrid Potato, Garlic, Watermelon, Banana, Jujube, etc. making him a very successful farmer in his area.

Expressing his thankfulness to Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and PMKSY scheme, Mr. Bodo says, "I received a solar pump under PMKSY scheme from the Department Of Irrigation. This has made our life very easy because we could easily irrigate our farms. Every farmer of our village is thankful to PM Modi for providing us necessary assistance through PMKSY."



Good yield, fair income determines a farmer's happiness. A progressive farmer, Shri Sadananda Das from Vollya Bari Village of Kamrup (Rural) district, was engaged in Rice and Mustard farming in his 9 bighas of land. Like many from his village, he too was dependent only on agricultural income for a living. But the production his 9-bigha land yielded due to non-availability of irrigation water, often landed him into tough situations with a little or no money. At this juncture, PMKSY scheme came as a boon for him. An Electrical Pump that he availed under Irrigation Department's PMKSY scheme not only resolved his water scarcity problem but also helped him boost his production to double. The production has increased subsequently from 400 kg rice per bigha to 800-900 kg rice per bigha.

Shri Sadananda Das quotes, "I am very happy with the support and guidance that I received from Irrigation Department and Govt of Assam. I got an electrical pump from the government free of cost which helped me a lot in my farming. My family is very happy today. I am even able to send my daughter for higher study to Cotton University, Guwahati because of my increased income."



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