

UPPER ASSAM

The Upper Assam region comprises 9 districts, that includes Jorhat, Dibrugarh, Dhemaji, Golaghat, Charaideo, Lakhimpur, Majuli, Sivasagar, and Tinsukia. Charaideo and Majuli are the newest districts that were raised to district status.

Rich in natural resources like coal, oil and natural gas as well as tea plantations, this region is the most productive part of the state of Assam. Upper Assam holds great significance for its rich history and golden heritage of the mighty Ahom Kingdom which ruled the state for more than 600 years thwarting the Mughals 17 times.

The Upper Assam region has a population of 7.56 million (24% of Assam's population).

A total of 16 Divisions of Irrigation falls under this district. Dibrugarh, Golaghat, Jorhat, Majuli, Sivasagar, Charaideo districts, falling under Phase I have achieved 100% PMKSY implementation.

While works in Lakhimpur, Dhemaji & Tinsukia districts, falling under Phase II is still in progress and is steadily moving towards 100% implementation of the scheme.



Dibrugarh



Meet another proud and prosperous farmer of Tenkaghat Block, Shri Binoy Sonowal who cultivates rice, wheat, vegetables and other crops for his livelihood. Lack of proper irrigation facilities in his agricultural land kept Binoy disheartened for several years. Water scarcity left his crops damaged and curtailed productions greatly. But, after installing an Electrical Pump in his agriculture field that he availed under the PMKSY scheme brought a balance to his life. Now, his yields have increased from 300 kg per bigha to 500 kg per bigha. "10 bighas of land seemed insufficient to bear my household expenses and needs as it yielded less produce resulting in lesser income. With PMKSY, life has begun to take a positive turn," expresses a thankful Binoy.



Sri Lalu Chutia of Dibrugarh district under Tengakhat block is the happiest man in his village. His annual income has tripled and lives a very happy and content life with his family. This unprecedented change in his income was brought about by the introduction of PMKSY scheme in his village. Earlier, he used to produce only 150 kgs of rice per bigha in his 18 bighas land. Now, with the installation of Solar Pumps under PMKSY in his fields, production has gone up to a staggering 1 tonne per bigha. "This year's production has been better. Earlier, it was tough to cultivate rice, but now, along with rice, I cultivate other crops as well," Lalu says.

