

Sericulture behind a Successful Farmer

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Rejaul Sk, son of Late Nefaz Sk is a progressive sericulture Farmer of Mallickpur village of Murshidabad District in Khargram Block. Practically, he is born and brought up in a sericulture family practicing Sericulture as main source of income 50 years back. Rejaul used to help his father in sericulture from his very childhood and after his marriage with Rajbanu Bibi, also from a sericulture family, he started his sericulture business separately nearly 20 years ago. At that time with 1 bigha mulberry plantation he managed his family life some how with his annual income of 12,000 – 15,000 per annum from sericulture along with some agricultural crops. He used to live in kuchha house which was also used as rearing house during crop seasons.

Being Progressive minded, subsequently he made contact with the Research Extension Centre, Nabagram of Murshidabad district and came to know about the improved mulberry variety S1635 and planted additional one bigha land with this. Because of his positive attitude towards adoption of new technologies, he was selected as one of the Trainees for ISDS Training where he gathered practical knowledge about the Technologies. Besides, after launching of the CPP(BV) programme of Murshidabad district during 2013 – 14, he came to know about Bivoltine Rearing. His performance and keenness to learn helped him to select as a CPP (BV) CRC owner which he is performing with keen interest to spread bivoltine rearing among the farmers for uplifting the economic condition of the poor marginal seri farmers.



Rejaul & his wife Rajbanu with bumper Bivoltine & M x Bi crop. At Chawki Workshop

By adopting the package of practices of Mulberry cultivation and silkworm rearing and by increasing his plantation area from 1.0 Bigha to 2.0 Bigha along with adoption of Bivoltine rearing during Agrahayani (Oct – Nov,) and Falguni (Feb) crop, his annual net return from sericulture reaches the magic figure of nearly 1.2 lakh. With this he has converted his kuchha house in a pucca building having provision of Separate rearing room. He has also purchased TV, Pump set, fan, kitchen items etc. His elder son is studying B.Sc and his younger son and daughter are at 12th standard.

He is interested in improving his Sericulture activities still further by gradual implementation of newer and newer Technologies for which he is planning to increase his mulberry plantation by the recently authorized C2038 variety and to test the performance of B.Con.1 x B. Con4 Bivoltine silkworm hybrid along with the currently used SK6 x SK7. Other farmers can take lesson from the achievement of Rejaul Sk that Sericulture, if practised with love, affection and perfection can uplift the Economic condition of poor and marginal farmers.