

ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT THROUGH SPAWN AND MUSHROOM PRODUCTION

Smt. Amita Raut

At: Padini, Block: Rajnagar, G.P: Balisahipatna, District: Kendrapara

Age: 28 years



Background: She was trained at KVK, Kendrapara on mushroom cultivation. She started mushroom cultivation by understanding the scope and opportunities in the district. During the period she has also made a remarkable change in the income of more than 100 women with mushroom cultivation involved in 18 Nos of SHG.

KVK Intervention: The difficulty to source mushroom spawns in requisite quantities at desired intervals was faced by Smt Raut because of unavailability of mushroom spawns in the local area and they have to procure spawn either from KVK

or from other sources outside the district. With this constraint she discussed with KVK Scientists and was trained on mushroom spawn production at KVK, Kendrapara and CTMRT, OUAT, Bhubaneswar. After completion of the training, she was well aware of the machineries involved in mushroom spawn production and the total cost involved for setting up the unit. The financial crises for setting up the same was expressed by her during the R-E Interface meeting where all her queries were answered and she was linked with DIC, Kendrapara for financial assistance. A sum of Rs. 9.9 lakh was sanctioned by DIC, Kendrapara for setting up mushroom spawn production unit. KVK, Kendrapara facilitated her in procurement of the machineries involved in mushroom spawn production and also extended support for mushroom spawn production in her unit at Padini. With due of course she mastered in producing around 4500 spawn bottles per month with an average net income of Rs.15750/- and providing employment generation to two farm women's. Smt. Amita Raut is now a successful mushroom grower and commercial producer of mushroom spawn in Kendrapara district.



Smt. Raut says "Mushroom farming and spawn production has not only empowered me and hundreds of other women, it has given boost to our family economy".

