



“I was having interest in mushroom farming because it requires less investment. Moreover, there is a lot of demand for mushrooms in the local markets,” says Goswami.

“In the initial period, I have faced difficulties in understanding the trade of mushroom cultivation, but with the logistic and financial support of Rs 4,000 from the Agriculture Department now I have started earning Rs 40-45 thousand per month by selling mushrooms,” he added.

Being the only child and sole earning member in the family, for him agriculture was the only option to support his family. He says that the favorable climatic conditions of Tripura have provided ample opportunities to take mushroom farming as a business for better sustainability.

He also says that his biggest regret in life is that he could not pursue higher studies due to poverty. For him life is now more meaningful than in his early days. His strong willpower and hard work have made him a successful mushroom cultivator today.

“I purchased mushroom spawn, paddy straw and other material including salts and supplements from Belonia and Agartala and sometimes from agriculture department. I get a yield of 500-800 grams of mushroom in each bed and getting 10-15 kg of mushroom everyday fetching a price of Rs 150-200 per kg,” Purnadas Goswami said.

The young farmer says that mushroom cultivation can become a source of income if pursued with proper technology and under expert guidance. For him it requires less investment of money and has engaged 2 workers under him. Customers from as far as Agartala come to visit Purnadas Goswami’s farm to purchase Mushroom.

Sujit Kumar Das, Superintendent of Agriculture, Santirbazar said, “Purnadas Goswami’s hard work and dedication has crowned him with success and he is known to everyone in the area.

By seeing Goswami’s success many young people of his village have come forward and are now encouraged to make a career in mushroom farming,” said, Sujit Kumar Das.

Young farmers like Purnadas Goswami are showing new direction in agriculture in the state of Tripura. He is not only creating opportunities for young farmers by finding a productive, profitable avenue of income but also encouraging others to follow suit with the conviction that a prosperous future in farming is within their reach.

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