

Poultry Mother Chick Unit (CSP) A Boon for a Poultry Grower



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Title: Mother poultry unit of Hinjilita CSP Tuna Mahanta 2019-20

If there is a will, there is a way. It becomes true for 32 years old Tuna Mahanta of Hinjilita Village under Barkote Block in Deogarh District. Tuna's success has been a source of hope and inspiration for many young dynamic farmers in his area. He has not only sustained an income generating project through poultry rearing, he also able to manage to become a successful businessman in the process.

His story stands as an inspiration for all who consider themselves as misfits for Agriculture. Earlier his primary job was to assist his father in farming from a very young age.

Being a son of a farmer, he learnt the ropes quickly. Because of his old age, father was not capable of farming; the entire family depends on Tuna. He always tried in search of a new innovative idea. He had interest on livestock and allied activities like poultry, goat rearing and fish farming, etc. Poultry farming is a major source of household income for many families in rural areas. Poultry is providing good quality and safe poultry products to the consumers. Tuna wants for advance commercial production to a great extent by adopting scientific methods. In the meantime, OPELIP project

gave a source of hope for Tuna to become a self-sufficient and self-dependent. A notification for CSP Livestock Training is released by the Project OPELIP. As a member of the poorest of the poor family, he was selected by Hinjilita OPELIP Grama Unnayana Sangha unanimously for 45 days CSP livestock training programme organised by OMFED. Training Institute supported by SSD Department through OPELIP. After successfully completion of the training, he returned to his native place and started a Poultry Mother Unit (CSP) through OPELIP. With the financial support, he constructed a poultry shed and 500 square feet Brooder Shed including 1000 Banaraj chicks (day one old), feeds, drinkers, feeders and other necessary equipments. The Livestock Inspector (LI) of OPELIP frequently visited the unit and made necessary arrangements such as regular vaccination and deworming. Local Block Veterinary Officer (BVO) of Barkote Block had also visited the unit and gave valuable technical advice to Tuna Mahanta for the betterment of the Poultry Mother Unit. After regular inspection, monitoring, supervision and Hand holding support from OPELIP and local veterinary functionaries, the mortality rate and other diseases are controlled. The day one old chicks became 900 gram to 1000 gram after 65 days. His will power and hard work soon helped him become one of the best growers of poultry in his area. He spends five to six hour every day in his Poultry Unit. He sold the chicks @200/- per kg. In first phase, he sold 800 chicks amounting Rs.150,000/- in the local market. To extend his business further, he also evinced interest in integrated farming.