**Life changed through integrated farming**

I am Malu Bhokta, father – Lt. Tripan Bhokta, am a permanent resident of village - Bedakenduda, block - Anandpur, district - West Singhbhum. There are a total of 7 members in my family. Our family is dependent on farming, facing many difficulties while my father was alive, I studied up to Intermediate. After my father's death, the entire burden of the family fell on my shoulders. I left my studies and started farming. We used to get food for the whole year from farming but after this, the need for other things was not fulfilled.

Kisan Club was formed by Jageshwar Ji in the year 2019. Which was named Sarna Kisan Club. By becoming a member, I participated in the training conducted by the organization and acquired technical information about agriculture.

After this, I started Rabi cultivation on 25-30 decimal land. I earned Rs 25 to 30 thousand from this. Got an opportunity to access the government scheme by joining the organization Samekit Jan Vikas Kendra, Sundernagar. Received 4 pump sets and delivery sets with the help of Jageshwar ji. In which I got the facility to do hot crops along with Rabi farming. Now I do farming on 50-60 decimal land. Along with vegetables, I also cultivate pulses. I earn around Rs 60-70 thousand from vegetable farming. In the year 2022, I started farming on 1 acre of land in which I planted eggplant, cauliflower, cabbage, tomato, lentils, urad, and pigeon peas. Due to this, I earn more than Rs 1 lakh in a year.

Along with food, other important things are fulfilled. My elder daughter is studying Intermediate and the remaining children are studying at Bedkenduda School.

I got a lot of benefits by being associated with the organization. Now I have become the secretary of Sarna Kisan Club and the club is running regularly.

Our Sarna Kisan Club has joined Jai Birsa Kisan Manch of which I am an active member. After contacting the Agriculture Department, I have been selected for the cultivation of broccoli (cabbage) through BTM. And I hope I will be successful in this. There was a time when I used to be afraid of going to the Agriculture Department or meeting any officer, today the BTM of the ATMA department came to our house and helped us.

I thank the Samekit Jan Vikas Kendra, Sundernagar organization, and its staff, due to whose efforts and guidance I have been able to reach this position today.

 