

SRI farmer: Got more yield in Jaibik SRI



Shri Hrushikesh Sahoo, aged 47 years belong to Panderi Patena hamlet of Biruda revenue village is a marginal farmer having only 0.75 acres of agricultural land. He has a family of 5 including two unmarried sons and mother. His elder son vends garlic in villages and younger son drives an auto-rickshaw. Though sometimes his elder son helps him in cultivation yet he is the sole person to do this. As this much of land is not enough for their food security he is also a share cropper to another 1.75 acres. Out of the total 2.5 acres of agricultural land he used to grow paddy in 1.25 acres of land and Sugarcane in 0.75 acres of land and vegetables in 0.5 acres of land. He has been to SAMBHAB; Nayagarh through an exposure visit conducted by NIRMAN in the first week of July this year. Still he had a doubt whether a fistful of rice, 12 days young seedling would able to provide his family food security for the entire year. Through NIRMAN's approach and motivation he did Jaibik SRI in 0.18 acres of land with Lakshehira variety, a variety that was brought by a farmer of this area from Puri two years back and got much yield through Jaibik SRI. His brother too did that variety in traditional-chemical method but to his surprise more tillers i.e 32 appeared in Jaibik SRI than to traditional-chemical method i.e 18. Now he is quite happy with this method and wants to cultivate the entire paddy land i.e. 1.25 acres in jaibik SRI. Now the result is quite noteworthy. He got 6 bags of 75 kg each, whereas his brother got 6 bags and each bag weights only 65 kg thereby he got 60 kg more by doing SRI method.