

## Income from Mushroom Farming meets household needs

“In other types of cultivation we have to wait at least for two months to get the return: but in Mushroom farming we recur only in fifteen days”-says proud Nishamani Pradhan, 55 years old woman from village Biradisahi of Bhatasahi G.P.in Nayagarh district. Nishamani is having 3 sons. She is having 4 acres of agriculture lands. Her elder son is married and other two sons are unmarried and are working outside the State. She started Mushroom farming after attending a training program organized by NIRMAN in her village in the month of June. It seemed them quite interesting as with little investment, they can earn benefits. She says, “Even if a person is having no money, can borrow a little, start mushroom cultivating, and repay that in the next month”. She shared her experience in doing this for the last two months that for a mushroom bed there is only expenditure of 52 rupees from which she gets 700 grams of Mushroom, which values 112 rupees: there is a net benefit of 60 rupees per bed



Fig. 3 Nishamani with her daughter in law

Particulars	Quantity	Investment value in Rs	Yield in Rs
Straw	10 bundles	20	700 grams of mushroom
Spawn	1 bottle	12	
Churned dal	250 gram	10	
Polythene	1 Sheet	10	
Total		52	112
Net Profit	Rs.112- Rs.70= <b>Rs.60</b>		



She had prepared 140 beds in last 2 months. Besides consumption at home, the net earnings of Nishamani has been Rs.8400 in last 2 month. Nishamani confidently says that she does not have to depend on her sons for household's expenses.

Fig.4 Nishamani daughter in law plucking mushroom