

**Washim, Collector Sh. Rahul Dwivedi visits Ghata Model Village:
KVKs Technological Intervention in promoting fish farming in farm ponds**

Background:

Agriculture Department, Washim and TAO Malegaon office has successfully implemented schemes in cluster approach of Agriculture Department. Model village Ghata located in Malegaon Tahsil of the district, comprising population of 800 households. Under MREGS Scheme citrus cultivation on 410 acre area was done during 2014-15, and due to dry spell due since last 2-3 years farmer has demanded community farm ponds for providing protective irrigation. In response to farmer's feedback, Agriculture Department has sanctioned 42 community farm ponds in RKVY scheme.



Similarly group approach and hard working nature of the beneficiaries farmer has encouraged villagers to start shed net house as an alternative source of income. After capacity building of farmer through exposure visit and trainings under Integrated Horticulture Development Programme (IHDP). Agriculture Department has sanction 22 Shed

net house in the same village. Private Seed Company were also involved for commercialisation of shed net house by taking seed production of Chilli and other vegetables.

Appropriate Technological interventions by KVK-

Apart from protective irrigations to citrus orchards water availability in community farms ponds was not utilized by the farmers. Taking into consideration KVK has tapped potential of water availability in farm ponds by promoting to take fish farming as an alternative allied enterprise for increasing source of income. KVK with support of ATMA has organized front line demonstration, capacity building training cum workshop under National Fisheries Development Board and also supplied critical input like fish seed, fish seed and technical back stopping for adoption of advances in fish farming under the guidance of Dr.R.L.Kale Programme Coordinator KVK.

District Collector Visits:

District Collector
Sh.Dwivedi visited Ghata
village on 8th Nov.2016 and
personally interacted with
farmers by visiting trial netting
in farm pond of Rambhau
Baliram Somatkar.
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Mandal Agril. Officer, Milind Argade, Agril. Astd. Sh. Ranveer and other stake holders were present during the visit.

While discussing with farmers about outcomes of chilli seed production and growth of fish seed stocked in farm ponds Collector was very much impressed. Beneficiaries' farmers told that before 4-5 years we were working as a farm labour but due to technological adoption like shed net cultivation they are engaging labours from adjacent villages for working in their shed net house. Farmers have demanded to provide labour charges in MREGS scheme which are required for seed production.

Collector has agreed and directed concerned official to work on farmers demand on pilot basis in Ghata village also suggested to think about formation of farmers producer company in this village. He also assured support for developing Ghata as a model village and appealed on line of Ghata village official should take efforts to developed Bhamdevi village of Karanja tahsil as an model village. Funding for the Bhamdevi village will be done under Chief Minister Assistance fund.

Officials of Agriculture and Line Department, Bankers, Farmers from Ghata and adjacent villages attended the programme in large number.

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