

Farmers Club sows the seeds for Ever Green Revolution

Limursinga village in Sergad Gram Panchayat of Narla block has a population of 120 households of which 80 households belongs to the potter community, 25 households SC 17 are ST and the rest belong to SEBC. The village is closed to the Urladani forest range and in one side the Jampadar river flows. Till about ten years ago Limursingha used to be considered as a highly drought prone village and the general economic condition of the villagers was quite bad. Most of the households used to work as agricultural labourers in the nearby villages and also a large number used to depend on the nearby forest to make their livelihood. Whatever they were getting from the crop field was enough to feed for maximum of six to seven months of the year. A number of people also used to migrate to outside States for work and their livelihood.



initiative to construct a community meeting place.

Unity Leads to Development

Around the year 1980 the youth group in the village got united and decided to construct a small temple for Lord Krishna. They thought that by worshipping the god may be the misery of the village will vanish and they will have a better living condition. This activity however was instrumental in uniting the villagers and along with the religious activity they also took

Farmers Club, Lift Irrigation and the Green Revolution:

“Water is Life...” The water that was flowing out to the Bay of Bengal is now brought to irrigate the crop fields through the lift irrigation points! The three LI points in Limursingha have become the lifeline for the villagers. (Pic: Sukant Ku Chand)

The year 2006 was an important year for the villagers as during this year some workers from SVA came to the village and organized the Radhakrishna farmers club in the village. Initially the farmers club members prepared a

Micro Level Plan for the village and through this process they could know that if they will install a lift irrigation point in the Jampadar river food production in the village will increase and no one will have to depend on outside for their food. They contacted the Lift Irrigation Department and the first lift irrigation point was commissioned in the year 2006 itself. With this irrigation point, 50 acres of land got irrigated and about 50 households got benefit from it. Seeing the success of this point the farmers club decided to go for another lift irrigation point and during the year 2007 the second lift point was also set up. Now the villagers know the procedure about setting up of lift irrigation points and also they have fairly good knowledge about the possibility of any site. Hence the farmers club thought that they can also have another lift irrigation point in the village and finally now they have three irrigation points which is irrigating to about 150 acres of land. In the ayacut of these lift irrigation points about 80 households have some land and apart from taking the kharif paddy now the villagers are also growing Sunflower, Groundnut, Green Gram as well as several vegetables.



“Dhana Dhanya Pushpa Bhara.....” Joyful women of Limursingha working in the Lush green crop fields (SRI) during the summer months. (Pic: Sukant Ku Chand)

SVA has sent two persons from the farmers club for an exposure to BAIF, Maharashtra and the National Onion Research Centre at Rajguru Nagar. After returning from Maharashtra they have taken initiative for promoting onion cultivation and also for production of vermi compost in the village.

