

# Success Story of Sri Jiten Das

The scenario of Assam where a major portion of the population associated with Agriculture for their livelihood, the percentage of educated youth contributing towards agriculture is very narrow as most of them are job oriented to established themselves in today's society.

But there are few exceptions. As agriculture today is more advanced with various new scientific techniques if educated youth determine to enter in this field, they may find more satisfaction than other field of livelihood. One such exception is Sri Jiten Das, 30 years a higher secondary passed and unemployed, son of Late Danu Ram Das of Village Monodia, Kulhati, P.S. Hajo of Kamrup Districts, 25 km away from Guwahati, has decided where heartily to associate himself with Agriculture, specially Floriculture for his livelihood. Five years back with early 10 bighas of land in possession, he used to cultivate paddy, mustard and some vegetables in only 5 bighas of land in traditional ways without much profit. Then he decided to grow Marigold flower in one bigha and got high return. Subsequently he has increased to 5 bighas of land for Marigold cultivation and 5 bighas for other crops. He used to get about Rs. 10,000/- to 12,000/- net profit per bigha of Marigold in one season. Then he got the benefit of Technology Mission scheme in 2003 for cultivation of Tuberose in 1.5 bighas of land which he successfully cultivated with about Rs. 22,000/- net profit. Now he is completely devoted to Floriculture and started taking up new crops like Gerbera, Gladioli etc. apart from Marigold and tuberose. He is also planning to establish a green house for off season planting.

All his success he says mainly due to the exposure he got through the Deptt. of Agriculture's officials, for providing opportunities to attend various training, workshops, etc. advice of scientist from HRS, Kahikuchi, Agriculture officials and like minded people. He is now a role model for many of the youths of his village, who are also now adopting Floriculture for their livelihood.