

## **AUGMENTING INCOME THROUGH FISHERY BASED INTEGRATED FARMING**



I Sri M. Kurmarao of vil- Kashinagar, in Kashinagar block of Gajapati District have started an integrated fisheries project in my own land under **NMPS scheme** with own source finance. I have got total subsidy of 10.00 lakhs.

With the guidance and inspiration of Kashinagar Asst Fisheries Officer constructed 2 nos of tanks in 2014-15. After proper manuring, liming etc. I stocked 50 thousand yearlings in those tanks reared in my nursery tanks. With an integrated approach I planted banana plants- 100nos, coconut-100nos, lemon-350 nos, pomegranate-10nos, sapota-50 nos and flower plants such as Dahlia, Rose and Exora on the embankment of those tanks. I have also domesticated 12 Nos of cows inside the project. The block AFO as well as District level Fishery officers is regularly visiting the tanks with active technical guidance. The District Collector, PD, DRDA, Sub-Collector and others have also visited this beautiful integrated project and were very much pleased. The Fish farmers of neighboring blocks are also visiting the project under exposure visit.

The bumper fish production of 25MT as first year crop is achieved and sold @Rs 100/- per KG getting a good financial benefit of Rs 25 lakhs. Also 10,000 litres of Milk is being produced in a year.

The net income from pisciculture is 20 lakhs after excluding operational cost in the first year; I have an additional income of Rs 1.2 lakhs from sale of milk also. Being inspired by the success of the project, I am now interested for construction of a fish seed hatchery unit as well as an aqua shop.