

## NMPS scheme encouraged youth towards fish farming as a profitable stand.



Sri Kalandi Barik, S/o Ramachandra Barik at Dixitpada of Asureswar GP of Nischita Koili Block, Cuttack, was earning his livelihood by assisting Sri Upendra Singh of the same village in his fisheries activities since two decades. He was responsible for rising of fingerling Programme.

In the year 2010 he made up his mind to excavate a half acre kitchen tank in his back side of his home as per advice of the local Fishery Officer, he availed Bank loan. Mr. Singh also rendered his helping hand to Bank as he had also huge experience in Fish farming sector. In the year 2011-12 he got three quintal of fishes out of the tank. After which Sri Barik was encouraged to take up fish culture as a profession.

In the year 2012-13 the Local Fishery Officer advised him to excavate a big project with an area of 2.5 acre through NMPS (National Mission for Protein Supplement) with 50% subsidy.

Since he had a strong inclination towards fish farming he spent no time for the scheme and his NMPS project came in to being in the same year with the financial assistance from Central Co-operative Bank, Nischintakoili. He excavated a tank of water area of 3 acre and got 1.92 lakh as subsidy from District Fisheries Officer, Cuttack against his expenditure of six lakhs.

He used the previous half acre of tank for the raising of Fingerling and the NMPS project as grow out tank.

Production level in 40 qtl. / Acre. His tank 0.5 Acre is in the pipe line and applied for subsidy from Govt.

When asked about his success he appreciated the friendly attitude of the department. He is also using floating feeds and stocking yearlings, which has given him success.