

The story of those faces wrapped in a veil, who made a different identity in the society through Farm Livelihood.

This is the success story of Krishi Sakhi Mrs. Usha Thakur, Village Sanhot, Gram Panchayat Neri Kotli, Development Block Rajgarh, District Sirmaur, HP who belonged to a poor family and used to do agriculture work to support her family but could earn only 15000 rupees in the whole year, Due to which they have to face a lot of difficulties in taking care of their family needs. The family had no means of livelihood except agriculture. In the year 2018, Usha Thakur heard about the National Rural Livelihood Mission and became a member of the Lakshmi self-help group. After joining the group, she started making small savings and today Usha Thakur is also the secretary of the Self Help Group. In the year 2020, her group was associated with Shirgul Gram Sangathan in which 14 SHGs are associated. In view of her work and interest in agriculture, in April 2020, Usha Thakur was selected as Krishi Sakhi under Farm Livelihood.



After this, Krishi Sakhis were given 6 days training on agro-ecological practices with the help of National Resource Persons, 4 days training through convergence with Agriculture Department and 2 days training on Natural Farming through Krishi Vigyan Kendra Kandaghat. After training, Krishi Sakhi Usha Thakur first

started in her own field and built a nutrition garden in which three to four types of vegetables, apple plants, palm plants and spices were planted. Krishi Sakhi Usha started working on agro-ecological practices from her home, before training to other women farmers. Due to which the cost of their agricultural production has reduced from 3000 to 500 yearly and the income of the family has increased.



After this Krishi Sakhi Usha Thakur started nursery production which includes apple, peach, palm, apricot, kiwi etc. Usha Devi has also prepared her own garden in which apple, peach and palm plants have been planted.

Krishi Sakhi Usha Thakur is doing natural farming and prepares manure from organic way like Jeevamrut, Ghanjivamrit, Agni Astra and cow dung and uses it in her fields and gardens. Presently Usha Thakur-Krishi Sakhi is earning Rs. 2 lakhs annually and goes from village to village to impart training to other women farmers of 60 families about natural farming. Usha Thakur has also become a source of inspiration for the women of other 60 families of the village/gram panchayat because in the sight of Usha Thakur, other women of the village are also getting inspired and adopting natural farming.



Krishi Sakhi Usha Thakur tells that today I am thankful to the officials of National Rural Livelihood Mission and Development Block Rajgarh, they considered me worthy and gave me a chance to do something for myself and my village. Due to which the women of my village are earning good income from agriculture. Today I am a subject of inspiration for women farmers. All the women farmers of the village share me their problems, their needs, and I openly cooperate with everyone. For this, I keep sharing the information and schemes received from the department from time to time. Once again I thank the National Rural Livelihoods Mission, Department of Rural Development for making my dream come true.