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Community efforts lead to success

If the mind has the intention and confidence to leave behind its past and move forward, then all the difficulties along the way become possibilities for you. And these possibilities create amazing dimensions of success. This is a story of the courage and confidence of a community that not only created a new path of economic empowerment for itself but also became an example for the entire region.



Sendhwa block is considered to be a dry area in Barwani district; hence no work like fishery has been done in the area till date. However, there is a pond available in almost every village of the area, in

which only rainy water used to be filled and it was finished in a month or two after using the animals for bathing and irrigation by the nearby farmers.

In view of the possibilities of fisheries in these ponds, training sessions were organized on this subject for the farmers. They were elaborated about the benefits and possibilities of fisheries.

After which identified such ponds in selected villages with the help of the group of farmers. After this, initially three of these villages were selected and got them deepened before the monsoon. This time the monsoon was also good due to which these ponds were completely filled. Subsequently, the fisheries training of group was



provided in collaboration with the concerned department. After this, 10-10 thousand fish seeds were added to these ponds. Fishes are also being provided with indigenous food and protein feed. By January, these three ponds are expected to receive 7 times more fish than seeds.

Group members were visited at the District Fisheries Department. The department not only imparted training to group members but also started the process to provide valid leases of the three ponds. After which group members will become legitimate owners of these ponds. After the release of the lease, the department will also provide facilities like free seeds, training, free insurance, pension to the group members etc.

Apart from this, with the help of group, fencing around these ponds and floriculture will also be done on the government land available near the pond, so that farmers will continue to earn income from fish farming as well as floriculture.

As 10,000 fish seeds have been added to the pond and necessary protein feeds and food items are also being added from time to time. If only 50 percent of these i.e. 5000 fish seeds are survived, then the farmers will get 6 times more i.e. 30000 fish. As a result, every group will earn between Rs. 150000 to 200000 on selling fish at wholesale price within only three to four months.

This will increase the income of the farmers, they will get an additional means of income. Consumption of fish will increase the level of nutrition. There will be augmentation of waste water sources in the village. Rain water will be used properly. Agricultural waste will be used as the food of the fishes, which will eliminate the problem of burning stubble. The groups will work in an organized manner that will develop community leadership. Thus, this work will support to achieve the goal of community empowerment.