

## Successful Mushroom Grower

**Title of the success story:** Mushroom Cultivation – A better income generating Activity  
**Name and contact details (email ID) of the successful farmer/ farm woman:** Mr. Pitabas Sabar  
**Address of farmer with mobile number:**

Village: Bhalerikudia,  
GP: Bagsola, Block: Gunupur,  
Dist.: Rayagada, State: Odisha  
Mob No.: 9778366873



### A brief about the successful venture

Mr. Sabar cultivates Paddy straw and oyster mushroom in improved method round the year along with other crops and vegetables like rice, ragi, pigeon pea, balckgram, greengram, sunflower and cashew.

Kharif- Paddy, arhar, intercropping of cashew + black gram and ragi

Rabi- sunflower, greengram and leafy vegetables

Round the year- Mushroom (Paddy straw and oyster)

Economically he has been improved by cultivating different crops like rice, ragi, pigeon pea, balckgram, greengram, sunflower and cashew etc. He is earning a huge amount (Rs. 68000/-) from mushroom cultivation only. He has drawn annually Rs. 95000/- from other crops.

### Action photograph of the enterprise

 A photograph showing a man sitting on the ground inside a shaded area, possibly a small greenhouse or a covered outdoor space. He is surrounded by straw and plastic covers. The area appears to be a cultivation site for mushrooms or other crops.	 A photograph of a group of people standing in a shaded area. One man in a blue shirt is holding a tray, likely containing harvested mushrooms. They are all wearing face masks. The setting is outdoors with a thatched roof.
 A photograph of a man sitting on the ground, working with straw or mushroom substrate in a shaded area. He is wearing a blue shirt and shorts. A red plastic container is visible to his left.	 A photograph of a man standing next to a large stack of straw or mushroom substrate. He is wearing a pink cloth around his waist. The background shows some greenery and a blue tarp.



### **Contribution of KVK towards that venture like training provided, input made available, linkage with bank or other organizations developed:**

Krishi Vigyan Kendra Rayagada imparted training on scientific method of paddy straw and oyster mushroom cultivation, conducted FLD on mushroom with field day and market linkage. KVK also provided training on improved method of package and practices of other crops and vegetables.

### **Coverage and Impact of training / hand holding on the successful venture:**

- Implementation of scientific method is the key to successful production in mushroom. The training helped Mr. Sabar in selecting site, housing, improved species and encouraged scientific management of various aspects related to mushroom production.
- The training helped him in mushroom production round the year which lead to improved production and ultimately increased the income.
- Utilization of scrambled straw in paddy straw mushroom cultivation which resolved the unavailability of bundle paddy straw.
- First time other peoples were not interested to cultivate mushroom and other crop cultivation, but now the maximum farmers, farm women, rural youth and SHGs of his village and nearby villages are cultivating mushroom.

### **Horizontal spread of the successful case:**

There are more than 50 farmers and few interested SHGs following the improved method of mushroom production livelihood security. Mr. Sabar has become role model of growing mushroom. As scientific method gave good yield and better return other farmers of his and neighbor villages were very much encouraged to grow the mushroom in scientific method.

### **Concluding assessment of the successful case:**

Mr. Pitabas Sabar as a motivation for rest of the farmers trained through KVK Rayagada to produce mushroom at their home in a scientific way to better/ alternate income.