

Vegetable cultivation in Pandal (Bower) system – A profitable venture

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Farmer Introduction

- Mr. Thirupathiraja made progress towards becoming a progressive farmer and agriprenuer.
- He was cultivated paddy, banana, vegetables and diversification in mulberry cultivation and silkworm rearing. He showed very much interest in sericulture.

Achievements

- He established separate rearing house for silkworm rearing and cultivated mulberry varieties as V 1 and MR 2 in about 3.5 acres.
- He adopted the methods of improved mulberry varieties, nutrient management, foliar application of micronutrient mixture, pruning methods and silkworm rearing techniques.
- He harvest the mulberry leaves 5-6 times per year at 70 days interval. 8-10 batches of cocoons are harvested per year. For every batch 150 laying are reared from this
- He obtained a yield of 100-150 kg of cocoons are harvested per batch and are sold at around Rs. 400 – 450 per kg. having net return of Rs. 3,65,000/-

Impact of the activity

- He shared his experience during the training programme and campaign organized by the Department of Agriculture and Krishi Vigyan Kendra.
- Many farmers and youth from the district visit his farm and developed interest in silkworm rearing and providing technical guidance and inputs supplied to other farmers.
- About 25 farmers from adjoining areas visited his field and inspired to adopt sericulture.

Recognition

- He was awarded by “Best Sericulture Farmer” of Tirunelveli District during 2018 by Directorate of Sericulture, Salem.

Photographs



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