From plot to plate –a ‘kitchen garden’ story

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Mrs Jhunarani Behera, wife of Sri Kailash Chandra Behera of Badasada village of Pallahara block of Angul district is a successful backyard kitchen gardener. Her family relies mostly on farming for their food and livelihood. She has been actively engaged with self-help groups. She is qualified only up to class IX and did not have any prior knowledge of Kitchen gardening. One day she heard about Micro Entrepreneurship Development Program on Organic Vegetable cultivation which was organized by Social Development Foundation, Talcher in collaboration with NABARD at their near local Gram Panchayat and she then discussed with SDF Coordinator to participate as trainee. After training she was encouraged enough and started producing vegetables for her family through which she could saved Rs 3000/- (food expenses). In addition to this she started selling some of the vegetables she'd grown apart from food she was growing for her family. By the end of the season, she could earn nearly Rs 17000/- and contributed towards her family expenses. Now they are planning to set up a cold storage unit to preserve the farm produce for marketing purpose.



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