



**Raghav Sharan
Kushwaha**

Village:

Block: Nautan

**District: West
Champan**

Protected Cultivation

Sri Raghav Sharan Kushwaha is a marginal farmer. It is his keen interest in farming since childhood that brings Sri Kushwaha toward fulltime farming at very young age. In addition to cultivate traditional crops like wheat, paddy and sugarcane, he started vegetable cultivation on commercial basis. He got training on scientific cultivation of tomato, bringal and capsicum at KVK, Madhopur, West Champan. After application of input, as suggested during training programmes, he observed that not only the cost of cultivation reduces but the produces were also healthier. There was also less infestation of disease and pests in crops.

Encouraged by better result from scientific vegetable cultivation over the old traditional method, he decided to practice protected cultivation of vegetable. He installed polyhouse with the consultation of KVK and help of DHO. This facility enables him to grow unseasonal vegetable and earn of more profit. Subsequently he applied plastic mulch on tomato cultivation which almost doubles the tomato production.

Installation of micro-irrigation system further reduces cost of cultivation while saving precious water. Sri Kushwaha is an inspiration for modern hi-tech cultivation.



Highlights of success

- Empowerment through scientific training for hi-tech cultivation
- Adoption of technology suited for small holdings.
- Reducing input cost applying modern technologies.
- Received Innovative Farmers Award from DRPCAUI, Pusa in the year 2017.