

## Bipan Besra

Bipan Besra is a 42 years old farmer. He lives at village- Suggapahari which comes under block- Madhupur and district- Deoghar. Bipan has done matriculation from Madhupur. After matriculation he could not study further due to some financial problems and household responsibilities. So he chose to do farming as his family was already involved in this work from generations.

**Family background:** He stays with his wife- Ponali Hansda and two sons named Vishal Besra and Birsa Besra. His wife is a homemaker and illiterate and his sons are studying in school.

**Assets:** The most important asset he has is land and the total area of land he owns is 3 acra. He along with his family had been doing farming only in kharif and little bit in rabi till 2016. And the profit he was getting was negligible. Therefore, the financial condition of his family went bad and the dream that he has set for his family and children started breaking.

**Turning point:** His turning point was his bad financial condition and inability to give his family a good life. He also said earlier he could not get surplus income from farming so he chose to get enrolled in Green College training and now earning just double.



In the beginning of 2017 he came in contact with Green College and agreed to attend the training sessions of SIFS. After getting training he thought to start integrated farming. Within a year he felt the differences in income from integrated farming and farming they were doing earlier. Now he has all the components of SIFS (Sustainable Integrated Farming

System). All round the year he grows variety of crops which includes paddy, pulses, millets, vegetables, turmeric and different types of fruit crops. In animals he has got cow, bull, goat, sheep and pigeon. The total number of animals he has now is 200. He has his own vermicompost unit. He prepares bio-pesticides and liquid manures for spraying and applying in his crops.



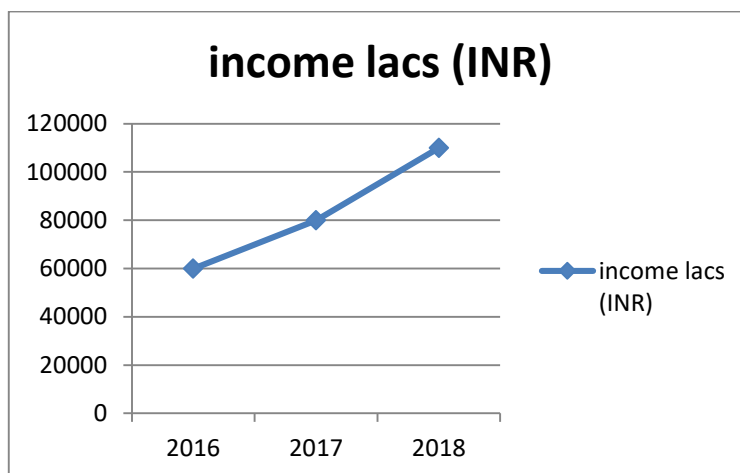
**Bipan at his kitchen garden, taking care of the seedlings**

**Income details:**

**Previous annual income: 60,000**

**Annual income after Green College intervention: 80,000**

**Annual income reported in 2018: More than 1 lakh**



*“I learned to integrate different agriculture components and take benefits from them which were unknown and unused before Green College initiative. Now i earn more than before, Haritgram Green College changed my life”*

*..... says Bipan*



**Bipan amidst his fruit crops garden with mangoes and jackfruits harvested for marketing**