



## Trout Farming Transforms Village



Name	Jaypal Singh Negi
District	Uttarkashi
State	Uttarakhand
Education	8 <sup>th</sup> Standard
Category	ST
Occupation	Agriculture farmer
Mobile number	9456145390
Firm's name	Himalayan Trout Fish Farm
Year of establishment	2020
Position	Owner
Activity	Raceways culture
Species	Trout
Annual turnover	₹ 8 lakhs
Annual fish production	1-1.20 tonnes
Employment generated	2

Mr Jaypal Singh Negi is a resident of Bhatwari Village in Uttarkashi District, Uttarakhand, and is a member of Harshil Matsya Jivi Utpadan Sahkari Samiti. He was doing apple farming for twenty years, but it wasn't enough for him to make ends meet. So, he thought of trying for a government job. Meanwhile, he visited the State Fisheries Department and came to know about trout farming. They suggested Mr Negi to start trout farming along with apple farming, so that it improves his socioeconomic status.

Under the guidance and support of the State Fisheries Department officials, he applied for the "trout farming" project under Blue Revolution Scheme during FY 2019-20. Under this scheme, he constructed 3 units of trout raceways with a capacity of 50 cubic meters each, with a total capital cost of ₹ 9 lakhs. The operational cost for the 3 units was ₹ 7.50 lakhs. The Government provided a 40% subsidy, another ₹ 2 lakhs was availed through MNREGA, and the rest was invested by Mr Negi himself.

He practices harvesting one unit at a time and stocks the same unit with fish seed just after harvesting. This way, he is able to sustain the production throughout the year. By doing trout farming, he could utilize the available water resources and barren land of the district. Since he has more land and water resources available to construct other units, there is a high potential for him to develop trout farming on a large scale. Currently, he is spending ₹ 250 per kg on production and selling it for ₹ 850 per kg with a profit margin of ₹ 500 per kg. He is effectively selling his harvest at "Uttara Fish Market", Dehradun, at good price. This project has a positive impact on other villagers as they are motivated to follow the footsteps of Mr Negi to improve their livelihood. Also, with the trout farming practices, the tourist attraction of the locality is increasing day by day.

