

# Success story of Papaya variety Sapna and Red Lady

**Introduction:** In Baksa district more than 85%-90% of the total population depend on Agriculture and allied sector for the livelihood. Regarding Papaya almost every household had one or two locally grown Papaya plant. Which indicate that area of Papaya cultivation was nil in Baksa district.

**Intervention:** During the year 2016-17 KVK Baksa conducted OFT on Papaya variety *Sapna* at three villages Uttarpara, Bunbari and Barimukh covering three farmers. In the year 2017-18 also conducted OFT on Papaya variety *Sapna* & *Red Lady* in different villages. Training programs were also conducted.

**Output & Outcome:** The farmers of the village Uttarpara, Bunbari and Barimukh usually get 40 t/ha of Papaya from the local varieties. The Papaya variety *Sapna* demonstrated under OFT(Horticulture) by KVK, Baksa produced an average yield of 60-70 t/ha with B:C Ratio 1:6.1.

The farmers involved with the demonstration were highly satisfied with the performance of the technology and the other farmers of the locality were highly motivated.

**Impact :** The farmers express their happiness due to getting more profit for a period of three years. The farmers got almost 15-20Kg Papaya per plant in the first year. Therefore today around 8-10ha area is covered by the cultivation of Papaya in the near by villages namely- Uttarpara, Bunbari, Jopa, Soibari, Borimukh, Bishnupur, Kaibari, Borimakha etc.

