

## **ICON OF NATURAL FARMING – SRI ARABINDA MOHANTY:**

**Sri Arabinda Mohanty resident of village Kansar in Lathikata Block is a well educated person having passion for farming particularly without use of inorganic and chemical inputs. Since last 5 years he is practicing Natural farming in his 3 acre farm.**

**He manufactures all natural ingredients like Bijamrit, Jibamrit, Ghanajibamrit, botanical pesticides like Nimastra, Brahmastra, Dasaparniarka etc. for use in his farm. He cultivates grafting Brinjal with mulching, tomato, bitter gourd, mango, guava, orange and Sapota under natural farming condition which has given him very encouraging results. He has also installed one poly house in 0.5 acre area where he cultivates Orchids, a very high value flower giving him handsome returns. To maintain the organic nature of his farm he has 10 nos of indigenous cows such as Gir for getting manure and urine to prepare the inputs.**

**During this endeavor for a chemical free organic food production he has received many awards and recognition. Last year OUAT awarded him on its Foundation day and very recently he got Krishi Ratna award from SOA university Bhubaneswar. His quest for toxic free agriculture has become a motivation for others in this area and slowly people are adopting his technology and practices. He gives free advice and guidance to start natural farming. KVK motivates him to conduct its demonstration in his farm following natural farming process.**