

Little drops of Water to the Rescue



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Desmand Workwaith had just one ambition in life: to build an irrigation tank to water his vegetable farm, just like the one he had seen more than 12 years back in a neighbouring village whose sons had gone to work in cities and had sent money home. Years had gone by, but that dream never faded. It always lingered tenaciously on the fringes of his mind. Then came the announcement of the **PMKSY** and as luck would have it, his village in Gram Panchayat Mudyani Vikash Khandin, Champawat District, Uttarakhand, was selected for the Scheme.



“With the help of this Scheme, I have constructed an irrigation tank and with connected pipes, I can water all the vegetable plants on my farm. My harvest is better and I am earning more. District officials encouraged me to buy ginger seeds through the production system of PMKSY where I had to pay just 20% of the whole amount and the rest was taken care of by PMKSY,” he exults.



Now, he has produced 150 quintals of ginger too and earned a good profit. Cauliflower is next on his agenda, and PMKSY is set to subsidise the seed cost this time too. He has also been provided with a sprinkler system under the Scheme. Workwaith now has a small poultry and dairy farm with the help of PMKSY. The milk is sold in the village and even the waste from the animals and birds used as natural manure for his plants. His dream has now blossomed into reality and his happiness knows no bounds.

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Champawat, Uttarakhand

Champawat is predominantly a Hill District which lies in the South Eastern part of Uttarakhand State.

BACKGROUND/ INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN

141.73 lakhs were spent during the period of consideration

59 Irrigation Tanks, 230 Roof Water Harvesting Tanks and 65 'Chaal-Khaal' have been constructed

1 Drip Irrigation work has been completed under the Scheme and 4 are under progress

17 Sprinklers were established for 85 farmers which increased 34.32 ha of agricultural land

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS/ IMPACT

Irrigation potential increased by 121.25 Ha.

3,953 water harvesting structures were created in the district

4 to 5% increase in Agriculture & Horticulture has been recorded

Increase in water level of natural water resources has been recorded which has helped reduce the drinking water problem

The Scheme has directly benefited 1100 village families