

He leaves job in gulf for agriculture, earns more with natural farming

## Mohan Singh

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Mohan Singh of Nurpur in Kangra district has set an example of self employment for all the youths looking for greener pastures abroad by establishing a model of agriculture in his village.

A resident of Gatot village in Charudi Panchayat, Mohan Singh had been doing job in Qatar and Saudi Arabia. However, he left the job a few years ago to come back home and started with agriculture.

“I was doing agriculture with chemicals. The production was good, but the expenditure was also high. So in 2018, when I heard of Subhash Palekar Natural Farming (SPNF) I tried it and adopted it,” he said, sharing that his farm expenditure has reduced three times with natural farming and he is now earning Rs 8 lakh in a year.

Compared to other development blocks in Kangra, life in Nurpur is challenging due to different terrain and seasonal variations. There is water shortage in the area so farmers usually go for seasonal vegetables only.

In such adverse conditions, Mohan Singh has turned out to be an inspiration for others. He has not only reduced his farm expenditure but has increased production and profit both by adopting natural farming.

“Initially, there were so many questions in my mind about natural farming as very few people were doing it. When I saw the results of Jeevamrit and other natural farm inputs, especially Dashparni ark in the farm, I found it encouraging,” he said.

The farmer said the natural farm inputs controlled powdery mildew on peas, *sundi* (larvae) on cauliflower and many other pests. The lady finger crop was also free of diseases. “The crops continue for a longer period and productivity is more with natural farming technique,” he said.

After having done natural farming of vegetables and cereals successfully, the Nurpur farmer has now decided to follow the same practice in orchards of mango and other fruits. He is motivating other farmers also in the village to shift to natural farming.

**“The natural farming technique has increased the disease resistance of crops. The diseases that could not be checked by chemical farming are controlled by natural farming.**

### Details:

Village Gatot, Panchayat Charudi, Block Nurpur, District Kangra

Total land: 84 Kanal (42 bigha)

Land under natural farming: 40 Kanal (20 bigha)

Crops and fruits: Cucumber, french beans, cauliflower, peas, radish, turnip, coriander, spinach, mango and orange

Chemical farming: Expenditure- Rs 1,50,000/- , Income: 7,00,000

Natural farming: Expenditure: 50,000, Income: Rs 8,00,000