

# **SUCCESS STORY-6**

Name of farmers	-	<b>Sri Brajkishore Mehta</b>
Address	-	Village-Chilkhigaha, Block-Kutumba, District-Aurangabad-824101
Contact No	-	09006946975
Details of farm	-	Cultivable land-2.5 ha Tube well-2 Diesel engine-1 Electric motor-1 Poly house-1 Sprinkler & drip irrigation system

## **Name of KVK utilized by the Farmers and the period-**

Sri Brajkishore Mehta associated with Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Aurangabad since 2010.

## **Technology obtained (Strawberry cultivation) with details-**

Sri Brajkishore Mehta is a dynamic and progressive farmer of village chilkhigaha, Kutumba 10 Km away from Aurangabad. His sole contribution before 2010 was for field crop production, which makes him unable to get remunerative price from his agricultural produce, after getting the training and exposure to KVK for technology enhancement and motivation towards fruit and vegetable production. He has his own 2.5 ha land, looking to the demand of off-season vegetables, he adopted various new technologies like use of growth regulators, raising of cucurbits seedlings in poly bag, training, pruning and rationing in solanaceous vegetables. This helped him to get the early fruiting and fetched the good price in the local market as well as in village. Presently, with the state department support brought forward for poly house construction and off-season cucumber was initially started. It is worth to mention that increase in vegetable crop cultivation continuously increases the gross return, which helps Sri Mehta to get more total return. Slowly and slowly, he got confidence and finally last year he started cultivation of strawberry under plastic film. As among the fruit cultivation, strawberry is only 6-7 months crop. With the only two varieties Chandler and Ofa sapling which was collected from Haryana and planted in the first week of September and got fruiting from first week of January to last week of February 2013. This year from these germplasm after multiplication restarted in 0.5 acre land. From the same land around 4 lakhs he earned and many saplings are already been ready for multiplication and selling. In this way, Sri Mehta is very happy and expressed his feeling in words KVK guided and boosted me a lot to get the maximum production through latest technologies. Several farmers not only from surrounding areas but different districts are usually coming to see his plot and crop too for following the such practices and collecting the saplings. Now he has become a lead farmer.

