

Success story of Muga farmer Mr. Monju Sohkhwai

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Name of the farmer	Monju Sohkhwai
Address	Umtham, Moronger, Nongpoh, Meghalaya.
Age	50 year
Education qualification	7 th pass
Family Member-	7
Experience in sericulture	8 years.
Status	Muga Seed as well as Commercial rearer
Plantation	1 acre systematic plantation
Rearing Capacity	200-300 dfls per crop & 3 crop in a year
Yearly production	30000-40000 cocoon in a year
Annual income	40000-50000 per year.

Mrs. Monju Sohkhwai is a progressive muga farmer of Ri-bhoi district of Meghalaya. He was motivated by Muga silkworm seed Organization P-3 Unit, Nongpoh to conduct seed as well as commercial crop rearing by adopting the new technologies. MSSO, P-3 Unit, Nongpoh had provided him basic knowledge about silkworm rearing and seed production. Now, he has established himself as a progressive muga farmer and working as a Adopted Seed Rearers and Private Grainure under Muga silkworm seed organization, P-3 Unit, Nongpoh from the last 5 year. He usually rear around 600-800 gm of muga dfls during two or three seasons in a year and has an annual production of 30-40 thousand cocoon per year from which he earned yearly about 40000 to 50000 by selling Mug seed, seed cocoon and commercial cocoon.

Year	No. of dfls brushed (gm)	Harvested cocoon (no.)	Reeling cocoon	Seed cocoon	Price/reeling cocoon (rs.)	Price/seed cocoon (rs.)	Total return (rs.)
2017	1377	17750	9825	7925	1.50	3	38512.5
2018	865	22775	13248	9527	1.75	3	51765
2019	475	20351	3289	16062	2.00	3	55844

Income generation by Mr. Monju Sohkuwai by selling seed and commercial cocoon

He is also working as a commercial seed producer and produce muga seed throughout the year. He conducts the muga silkworm rearing during pre seed and seed crop and provide muga seed to local farmer for commercial crop. Technical staff of MSSO, P-3 unit, Nongpoh provides guideline time to time for seed production. Now, he is able to support the family members from the income realized primarily from the muga sericulture. He has established himself as a progressive Muga farmer in the locality. Inspiration received from him lead to engagement of more then 20 other farmer of his locality to become self dependent through muga silk worm rearing.



Mr. Monju Sohkhwai received first prize from DSO, Ri-Bhoi, during Muga Krishi Vigyan Mela Organized by Muga Silkworm Seed Organization, P-3 Unit, Nonpoh, Meghalaya.



Abhishek Singh,(Right) Scientist-B and Mr. Malek Ali, (Left) S.T.A. of MSSO, P-3 Unit, Nongpoh with Mr Monju Sohkhwai (Middle) during field visit of rearing field.