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Sri Diganta Borah is a progressive farmer of Bongaon village of Saikhowa Block. Previously, a resident of Dibrugarh, Borah started his farm eight years back in an area of eight bigha. He started multi storied cropping with betelnut as main crop. As companion crop he planted Khasi Mandarin, Assam lemon, Banana and Papaya. He also grows rabi vegetables. He also has a nursery and produces planting materials of various fruit crops like Betelnut, Papava, Assam lemon, Guava etc. Borah once visited Pointed gourd demonstration plot of KVK at Aroimuria village of Saikhowa Block. Inspired from its success, he started Pointed gourd cultivation in his own farm and earning a very high income from it. Influenced from it, some farmers' of this locality also started Pointed gourd cultivation with great success. It may be mentioned that KVK, Tinsukia started FLD on Pointed gourd four years back in this area. Before that, cultivation of this crop was unknown to the farmers' of this area. Today, the farmers' to whom the technology was demonstrated, with their knowledge and experience is acting as a guide to the other farmers. He is not only getting a good price of this crop in market, but also earning a good income by selling pointed gourd cuttings. Scientists of KVK, Tinsukia also visited his farm time to time and provided technical inputs whenever required. He has also started a vermicompost production unit recently as per the advice of the KVK scientists.

Today, Borah has expanded his cultivation to 23 bighas of land and earning around six lakhs of rupees per year. Because of his dedication, hard work and sincerity in forwarding farming as a profitable enterprise, this year ATMA, Tinsukia has awarded him as one of the best progressive farmers' of the district. He is surely an inspiration to the other farmers' of the district.

