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A young farmer of Dishowjan, Ahukhat; Md. Rubul Shah has become a role model for the unemployed youths of the district because of his hard work, sincerity and dedication over the last ten years. He has become a source of inspiration to his fellow farmers as a result of his scientific and entrepreneurial approach to farming. At the beginning, he started vegetable cultivation along with a small tea garden for regular income. However, due to his relentless effort, he has extended his tea cultivation to 12 ha and also started a vermicompost unit 'Global Organic Plant' in his house complex. Though production of vermicompost was low initially, but now it is around 2000 Kg per batch. Because of high market demand, he is promoting some of the farmers of his locality to start vermicompost production jointly to cater to the needs of the buyer. He is inspiring his fellow farmers to use vermicompost in crop production instead of chemical fertilizers. In this way he is becoming a pioneer of organic cultivation in his locality. He also developed technical skill for packaging of vermicompost and selling each packet with a brand name 'Sanjibani'. Owing to its superior quality, several big as well as small tea growers are placing order for huge quantity. The Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Tinsukia is providing technical guidance to him by organising training, demonstration and field visit in several occasions. He also showed interest in rearing improved goat 'Jamunapari' and established a farm in his household. He is appreciating KVK, Tinsukia for helping him with scientific advice at his doorstep whenever needed. Encouraged by his success, Shah is planning to transform his tea cultivation to organic and export it to outside the country. His ideology may be an example to the young generation.

