

Betel Leaves grower Stany Rodrigues Ammunje

Stany Rodrigues hails from Ammunje village, Bantwal Taluk. He is member of Pragathi Farmers Development Group (FDG) Ammunje. He is 55



years old. He has 1.5 acres of land. He grows, arecanut, coconut, beetal leaves and black pepper. He is very much interested in growing beetal leaves. He says "I grew up with beetal leaves. If I have educated my children it is because of beetal leaves. I wake up 6 o'clock in the morning and complete my work at 6 o'clock in the evening. Night we make bunches of the leaves. Next day morning we give these bundles to the vendor. Beetal leave plants thrive for 3 to 4 years afterwards we have to renew it". His daughter is studying MBA and son engineering.



He also has constructed a vermicomposting unit. .Now the unit is ready. He uses agricultural waste to fill the composting pit which is abundant in his farm .He is eagerly waiting for the vermi compost manure which he wants to use it for the beetal leaves.