

Anant Basudev - Ex-banker turned dairy farmer

Koraput Dairy Farm near Doliamba village of Mahadeiput GP in Koraput district is a commercial integrated hi-tech dairy farm. Dairy is the main business of the farm at present but it has all the elements of an integrated farm such as fish farming, horticulture, bio-gas, Organic Compost, Vermicompost, Bio-fertilizer, Organic Urea and Organic Green Fodder and so on. Mr. Anant Basudev, an ex-banker in Bangalore city is now the farmer and agripreneur. Milk produced at the farm is pure and natural as the cattle are fed with green fodder grown within the farm using natural farming inputs. Mr. Anant gives a walk through on farm establishment, cattle breed, fodder, use of technology in the farm, milk sales, change in farmers' lives in the vicinity through fodder cultivation program. He started the farm with 20 HF Crossbreed cattle sourced from Punjab & now is associated with a German based company which pioneers in dairy technology. He and his staff were trained in all the aspects of dairy farming with respect to infrastructure, cattle management, feed formulation, milking and packaging etc.

Milk is packed in $\frac{1}{2}$ liter packs and sold under the brand name "Koraput Dairy". Now milk is sold at Rs. 44/liter. The farm has increased its herd size from 20 to 100 cows. Each HF cow at its peak gives at least 20-25 liters of milk in a day. The farm also is a calf and Heifer rearing unit and aims to train local farmers in Dairy Farm Management.

Koraput Dairy is one of its kind, state of the art, technologically equipped modern integrated high-tech Dairy Farm best suited to climatic advantages of Koraput district. Koraput Dairy is associated with Punjab National Bank and Oriental Insurance Company for its banking and insurance needs.