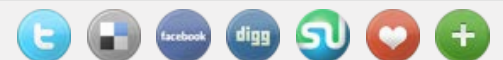




THE SRI INITIATIVE

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During Kariyappa's whole life, all he has known is farming. He use to grow paddy in the fields of Mundgod the traditional way. This method of farming never produced enough yields for him and his family. In order to pay his bills, he had to take out loans. He started working in nearby places doing small electrical work. For the first time in his life, Kariyappa was not doing what he loved to do. When [SRIJAN](#) came to Mundgod in 2008, they hoped to bring farmers like Kariyappa back to the field. They hoped that introducing a new and innovative method of farming would keep them in the fields for the rest of their lives.



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[The System of Rice Intensification](#) is an alternative way of growing rice paddy. In this process, less water and less seeds are being used and paddy is planted in a wider spacing. With this, there is a higher yield of rice paddy. SRIJAN works with farmers all across India to implement this process. When they started to work with Kariyappa, he only used it on 10 guntas (1100 sq. Ft) of land. From this he received 14 bags of yield. The next cycle, he used his profits to plant it on 1 acre of his farm. This gave him 30 bags of yield. This year, he is using the SRI process on 2 acres of his land.



When Srijan began working in Mundgod in 2008, they only worked with 152 farmers. In 2009, they worked with 446 farmers. This year, they are working with 552 farmers. These farmers have seen a 22%-56% increase in yield and are making up to Rs. 5,000 in profit. They hope one day they can work with 10,000 farmers in India.

Because of SRI, Kariyappa no longer has to go outside to do electrical work. With the profits he is making, he is able to cover all of his expenses, and most importantly, he is able to spend more time with his family. Kariyappa says that, "Being a farmer, I know the pain and suffering it takes to grow paddy. I ended my sufferings by cultivating the SRI method and leading a happy life. I wish all my farmer families to cultivate SRI method in their farm and see the happiness I have seen."

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Very Interesting Read. Very interesting!!!Hats off to Kariyappa who cultivates SRI method in his farm.

Jai SRI !!

With best regards,

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