

## **Thummala Jagadish Yadav**

### **Excellence in Farming**

The towering sugarcane crop in his field will leave you spellbound. Meet Thummala Jagadish Yadav, a model farmer, who decided to take up organic farming, while walking in the footsteps of his agriculturist father. After his undergraduate studies, Jagadish of Patlur village in Marpalli mandal of Vikarabad district, chose to opt for farming free of pesticides and chemicals. He followed the advice of renowned scientist Chintala Venkat Reddy and went in for organic pesticides and manure, for higher and richer yields. By using the CVR farming technique and spraying the soil with organic pesticide, Jagadish Yadav proudly stands next to sugarcane crop as tall as 15 feet.

Before the sowing season, Jagadish uses nothing other than natural manure and sprinkling a mixture of soil and water to grow his crops.

There are two types of soil used in this mixture—One, soil from the top layer (six inches from the surface) and two, soil from four inches from the top layer. Equal measures of both these soils are mixed with water and sprinkled on the field. Following this technique for cotton, pigeon pea and corn and other crops has yielded excellent results for Jagadish. While farmers using pesticides and chemicals are spending nearly Rs 20000 per acre, organic farmers on the other hand get better yields with just one tenth (1/10) of that investment. This way they are also drawing the attention of other farmers towards organic farming.

For his sterling contribution to agriculture, and by extension, public health, Jagadish Yadav is a farmer worthy of emulation. The Sakshi Media Group recognises Jagadish Yadav as the winner of Sakshi Excellence Award 2017- Best Farmer.