

## Groundnut pod stripper : KVK Thiruvannamalai 2011-12



Mr. Sivalingam is a progressive farmer living in Ondikudisai village of Arni block, aged 44. He is owning 5 acres of land, he involved in groundnut cultivation for the past 22 years. He used to follow conventional cultivation practices and groundnut pod stripping by manually.

It resulted that low net returns in groundnut due to paying of highest wages to farm labourers during post harvest management practices, due to non availability of labourers. In this situation, it was during the time his village was selected as operational area by Krishi Vigyan Kendra. He established close contact with KVK scientists' in due course of time and he was also chosen as beneficiary for the technological intervention of KVK.

He has been intensively trained by KVK on advanced cultivation practices of groundnut on Integrated Crop Management, during FFS programme viz., INM, IPM and use of drudgery reducing equipments in groundnut. He followed all the technologies gained from KVK in groundnut cultivation. At the time of post harvest management practices, he carried out the operation on groundnut pod stripping by using CRIDA pod stripper. It resulted that 12 persons per acre is needed for whole post harvest management practices on groundnut crop plucking from earth and pod stripping operation by using pod stripper. But in conventional methods needs to involved around 30 labourers per acre.

His cost of groundnut pod stripping was considerably reduced in the post harvest management. Totally Rs.2700 to 3000 has been saved per acre as a result of groundnut pod stripper. With confidence gained, he has been guiding other farmers on groundnut pod stripper usage.

Now a days other groundnut farmers are started to follow the post harvest management practices. Thanks to scientists' team of KVK.