

Vidatha Mushroom Spawn Laboratory

The income level of commercial mushroom growers in the Kegalle district was on the decline due to the scarcity of high quality spans which had been a persistent problem and some were forced to suspend their businesses midway. As a solution to this problem a mushroom spawn laboratory was established at the Vidatha Centre, Mawanella and experiments were conducted in the laboratory on high yield varieties and pure culture was raised in the laboratory producing mother spawn. As a result of providing the spawn of first generation through this method, the income of the mushroom cultivators of the Kegalle district has seen a substantial increase and many unemployed women have started growing mushroom as self employment and have been able to improve their socioeconomic condition.

Without stopping the project at this point, plans have been developed to upgrade the laboratory as a tissue culture laboratory.

Progress of the Year 2019

Number of packets sold	- 2265
Income generated	- රු. 198,210.00
Expenditure	- රු. 156,406.00
Net profit	- රු. 41,804.00
No of beneficiaries	- 54

Varieties of mushroom spawn - Normal Oyster, Butan Oyster, Abalony

Prices of spawn packets for members of Vidatha Mushroom Forum

Normal oyster 01 packet- Rs 80
Butan Oyster 01 packet -Rs 80
Abalony 01 packet - Rs. 90

For others who are not members of Vidatha Mushroom Forum

Normal Oyster පැකට් 01	- රු . 100.00
Butan Oyster 01 packet	- Rs. 100
Abalony 01 packet	- Rs. 120

Several photos - Year 2018





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